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## SISSON IN EUROPE

The Sisson lineage in Europe goes back to the beginning of the Middle Ages. Etymologically, various quite diverse explanations are given for the derivation of the name. As a surname, Susa Young Gates avers that it was derived from the ancient village of Siston or Syston, in Leicestershire, County Gloucester, England, but another authority, William R. Cutter, more logically states that the village itself probably derived its name from resident Sissons, one of whose original strongholds it was.

(Ref: Surname Book & Racial History, ed.by Susa Young Gates pub.by Church of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1918; Genealogical & Family History of Northern N.Y. by Wm.R. Cutter, Vol.III, pub. Lewis Historical Pub.Co. N.Y. V., 1910).

Although the erudite Dr. S. Baring-Gould doubts it (Ref: Names & Their Story, by S. Baring-Gould, pub. Seeley & Co., London,1910), the scholarly Canon Chas. Wareing Bardsley in his monumental Dictionary of English & Welsh Surnames (pub. Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press, London, 1901) and again in his English Surnames & Their Significations (pub. Chatto & Windus,Ltd.,London, 1898), proffers the most likely explanation. He asserts that the Sisson surname is one of a lengthy list of medieval metronymics derived from the name or popular nickname of the parent and meaning "child of". The Sisson surname, he claims--demonstrating with numerous examples-- signifies "son of Cicely, or Cecilia", the prevalent English nickname for which up to the 16th Century was "Cise or "Sess", corresponding to our modern nickname "Cissy" for the same feminine baptismal name. In further support of this, Canon Bardsley calls attention to the fact that early Norman-English MSS. name the son of William the Conqueror's daughter Cicillon (Cecilia) -- 1027-1087 -- Johannes Sisson, i.e., John, the son of Cecilia. Sisson, Sison, Sissons, Sessions (modern surnames) all represent the identical family, he claims.

Other genealogists, among them Burke, the English heraldic authority, suggest the more immediately obvious (though more conjectural) theory that the Sisson surname is identified with original residence in or adherence to the city and medieval feudal county of Soissans or Soissons in France, which was celebrated as early as the time of the first Frankish kings. In his General Armory of England, Scotland and Wales, Sir Bernard Burke asserts that the family, "variously spelled Sisson, Sissons, Sysum, Sison, Session and Sessions...came originally from Normandy in northern France; settled at an early period in Ireland, and afterwards at Penrith, in Wales". Burke's statement of the Norman-Franch origin of the Sisson kindred is probably correct. One of the Norman knights who followed William the Conqueror on his invasion of Saxon England in 1066 had the surname Seizin. If Burke's theory of the surname's origin is valid, this adventurer possibly was the progenitor of the Welsh & English bearers of the names Sisson, Sissons, Session and Sessions.

We find the Sisson kindred populous in England and Wales as early as the 13th Century, particularly throughout south-central England. In the Poll Tax Returns for Howdenshire, and Yorkshire, for the year 1379, we find the names Robertus Cission (p.19), William Cisson (p.269), Joannes Sisson (p.21), Henricus Sisson (p.226), Thomas Cyson (p.269). Among the MSS. Wills and Inventories of York Minster (14th Century) the name of Henry Sysson occurs in one place, and Henry Sesson in another.

(Ref: Fabrick Rolls of York Minster, pub.by the Surtees Society,London 1904; English Surnames & Their Significations by Chas.Wareing Bardsley pub. Chatto & Windus, London,1898).

A lengthy series of Sisson births, marriages, baptisms and deaths appear in the parish church registers of Gamford, Kirk Ella and Howden, County Durham, during the mid-18th Century. (Ref: Durham Register,6; Yorkshire Register,ibid,3,31; Ref. to English Surnames in 1601, ed.by F.K.&S Hitching,pub. Chas. A. Bernau, Ltd., Walton-on-Thames,England, 1910).

The will of Jacob Carr, of Cambridge, dated Apr.17, 1593 names six persons owing money to him, one of them being "George Sisins", who was his debtor to the extent of 13 s, 4 d.

"Henry Sysson" and four others were named as executors of the will of William Carey, of Barwicke, under date of Mar. 25, 1593.

(Ref: Wills & Inventories of the Northern Counties (Durham Registry), pub. London, 1858, Vol.II).

The Westminster Registry, section on marriage licenses, contains the following entries:

"1677 -- Dec.19th, James Sisson, of Spilsbury, Co. Lincoln Graziour, Bachl. abt. 26, & Lettice Story, of same Sp. abt. 25 and at own dispose; at Kale Co. Lincoln."

"1678 -- Thomas Sisson of St. Martin's Ludgate, London, Druggist, Bach. at 25, & Mrs. Sarah Delves, Spr. about 21; with consent of her father, Nicholas Delves, of Camberwell Co. Surrey, at St. Thomas's Southwark Co. Surrey."

(Ref: Allegations for Marriage Licenses Issued by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, 1558-1699; & also by the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1660-1679, ed.by Joseph L. Chester & George J. Armytage, pub. by Harleian Society, London 1886, Vol. XXIII.)

In the Register Book of Marcy, Northants Co. under Marriages appear: "1578, Dec. 27, Robert Sison & Juliana Smith." And under Baptisms appear: "1577 -- Sept.29, John S. of Robert Sison... 1579, Dec. 20, Jane d. of Robt. Sison... 1582, Mar. 25, Elizabeth d. of Robert Sison."

(Additional ref:- Miscellaneous Genealogies et Heraldica, Vol. IV, 2nd Series, ed. by Joseph Jackson Howard, pub. Mitchell & Hughes. Ltd. London, 1893.)

The variations in the spelling of the Sisson surname are quite typical of most other medieval petronymics. Linquistic difficulties in the pronounciation of personal proper names was natural when, as in the case of Sisson--, the namewas translated from its original French into Welsh and English. Moreover, medievally, sharply differentiated dialects were common throughout portions of even the same countries, as, indeed they still are in England. Hence in the 14th Century, when the English language first was becoming nationally standardized in orthography, wide varieties of spelling identical names resulted from differences in the vernacular speech of different parts of the country. Authors of the period determined their spelling more or less phonetically and even Chaucer spelled simple words in as many as three or four different ways, i, ie and y interchangeably. Therefore it is to be expected that the surname Sisson should appear in garbled forms, each determined by the dialect popularly prevalent in the particular locality where a branch of the Sisson kindred had settled.

Still another etymology of the Sisson name is given by the well-known genealogist, John Osborne Austin, in his 150 Allied Familes of Rhode Island. "The significance of the name Sisson," he says, "May be traced through the fact that it is a corruption of Siston (name of the English village before mentioned), which in turn is a corruption of Seton, or Sea-Town."

Two different coats-of-arms are currently used by the Sissons of England. That which Burke's General Armory authoritatively names as strictly English, is heraldically described as:

Escutcheon: Or, three bends gules.
Crest: A stag, trippant, proper.
Motto: (None mentioned)

The second coat-of-arms, identified by Burke as belonging exclusively to descendants of the Penrith, Wales, branch of the kindred, is described as:

Escutheon: Per fess, embattled or and azure, three girffins heads erased, or.
Crest: A griffin's head erased, or, above a wreath of the colors.
Motto; Si monent tuboe paratus (Prepared when the trumpets warn).

Burke notes, extraordinarily, that a secondary motto also sometimes is used over the Crest, -- "Hope for the best"-- in addition to the conventional Latin motto on the ribbon beneath the escutcheon.

(Ref: General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, by Sir Bernard Burke, pub.London, 1884).

Fairbairn identifies the Penrith, Wales, coat-of-arms as that of the Sissons family alone.

(Ref: Fairbairn's Crests of Great Britain & Ireland, ed. by Joseph Maclaren, pub.Thos. C. Jack, Ltd. Edinburgh & London,1860. 2 Vols.)

It is not definitely known which of the two coat-of-arms was that of Richard Sisson (1), progenitor of the kindred in New England, although many modern descendants use the Penrith-Wales arms in America rather than the more exclusively English one. The Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol.VI, published in 1937 (ed. by Frederick A. Virkus, pub.Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago,) states positively that Richard Sisson (1) "came to America from Wales" which would make use of the Welsh arms correct by any American of his lineage.

It likewise is unknown which of the two coats-of-arms was borne by the earliest Virginia progenitors of the kindred, Thomas, 1623; George, 1634; James, 1635; or Capt. John, circa. 1650 (possibly a son of the foregoing John), all of whom antidate Richard Sisson (1), or Dartmouth, Mass., 1653.

It is interesting to note that branches of the Sisson family still remain settled in France, the original home of the kindred. Among the more prominent modern French members of the kinship may be mentioned Francois Thiebault Sisson, prominent parisian journalist and art critic, born in 1856. He was the author of, among other works, a celebrated critique on Claude Monet, published in Le Temps, Paris, 1900.

Distinguished English bearers of the name include:

Charles Jasper Sisson, born in 1885, author, lecturer, member of the British Academy (London), and eminent research authority on the early Elizabethan drama and dramatists. His published books include, Grafton and the London Grey Friars, (London, 1928); Keep the Widow Waking, a lost play by Dekker; Lost Plays of Shakespeare's Age (Cambridge, Eng., 1936); Marks as Signatures (London, 1929); The Mythical Sorrows of Shakespeare (London, 1934); Thomas Lodge & Other Elizabethans (Cambridge, U.S.A. 1933); The Plays of Phillip Massinger (London, 1928, etc.

In Canada, Charles Bruce Sisson, born in 1879, is the author of The Life of Egerton Ryerson (Toronto, Ont. 1937).

## II

## REASONS FOR SISSON EMIGRATION TO AMERICA

No written documents exist stating the specific reasons for emigration of the several Sisson kinsmen who first sought new homes for themselves in the New World. Infenentially, however, two explanations seem to be quite plain.

(a) Richard Sisson, Dartmouth, Mass. 1653,
Progenitor of the New England Lineages.

His advent in the Quaker community of Dartmouth and his shortly subsequent removal to Portsmouth, R.I., occurred only seven years prior to the resboration of the Stuarts to the English throne, while Oliver Cromwell and his grimly severe reformists were imposing their religious and social ideas upon England. All the earlier generations of the New England Sissons were members of the Society of Friends, and Puritan rule in the English homeland was even more intolerant toward Quakers than that of either the Catholic or Episcopalian "High" Church had previously been. Quaker persecutions were being actively prosecuted. Considering the date of Richard Sisson's (1) emigration from England, together with the fact that he himself then was past middle age and brought his wife and two sons with him to the new world, it seems indicated that he left because of dissatisfaction with English religious and social conditions rather than because he was moved by a spirit of adventure or sought to make a quick fortune in America. It is significant that he gave the already safe and populous centers of Puritan settlement in the Bay Colony a wide berth by establishing himself on its very frontier, as far away from Quaker-hating, intolerant Boston and Salem as possible. Very shortly afterwards he removed to Portsmouth, still a new frontier settlement which Roger Williams -- a Welshman like Richard Sisson himself -- had founded as a semi-sanctuary for colonists being religiously persecuted by the Puritan authorities of Boston. Possibly, even before time of Richard Sisson's sailing overseas, Roger Williams' colonial experiment in genuine non-sectarianism had won popular approbation in Wales and focused Richard Sisson's mind particularly upon Rhode Island as a preferable place of residence for himself and his family. Large numbers of Quakers were attracted to the Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and there Richard Sisson (1) and his decendants throve as humble but thrifty, simple and devout Quaker farmers. Notwithstanding their pacific Quaker faith, it is remarkable that so many of them enlisted for service with the continental army in the Revolutionary War. "They bore the Sisson name with honor and courage," says Wm. B. Cutter in his Genealogical & Family History of Northern New York (Vol. III, pub. Lewis Historical Pub. Co. N.Y. City 1910),"... and more than a few of the kindred have distinguished themselves in cultural, commercial and governmental lines throughout the history of the United States."

(b) ... <u>The Virginia Progenitors and their lineages</u>.

The very converse of the foregoing reasons seem to explain the emigration of the earliest Virginia Sissons. Why a man like Thomas Sisson, the London haberdasher, came to Virginia in 1623 is puzzling. We know nothing further of him, nor of any descent from him in the New World. Similar obscurity shrouds the motivation and fates of George "Session" 1634, who was already a middle-aged man, and John "Sessions",...the latter a young man, whom the prospect of adventure might have allured to Barbados, which at that particular time (1635) was being tremendously propagandized throughout England by its Lords

Proprietors as a literal heaven-on-earth for colonists. The aforesaid George and John are described in their respective ship's passenger lists as "persons of quality", which certainly a mere shopkeeper like the earlier Thomas could not have been. George and John emigrated as part of the very greatest exodus that England ever has known, a movement of such serious proportions that both King Charles I and Archbishop Laud did all in their power to restrain it with special legislation. This wholesale migration was fundamentally, but not altogether Puritan in religious complexion. During the year 1635 (exactly when George and John themselves came overseas) no fewer than 3,000 Englishmen emigrated to Massachusetts Bay Colony alone. That number included many men of social distinction and younger sons of Cavalier families, attracted to America by the glowing representations of its promise by the Lord Proprietors of the colonies.

This type of colonists particularly characterized Virginia and the other southern proprietaries. Most settlers there belonged to one of two widely-different social classes,--either they were indentured "servants" of yeoman, or humble middle-class English origin, or they were distinctly gentlemen, who brought their fine manners, their Cavalier arrogance and Crown sympathies, and their adherence to the "high" State Church of England (Episcopalian) with them. They were, as a whole, loyal Stuart supporters; many of them men of considerable wealth and position in the Old World; --almost the antithesis of the typical nonconformist New England immigrant. This fact may indicate distantly-removed relationship between Richard Sisson (1), the Rhode Island Quaker, and his Virginia contemporary, Capt. John Sisson, (1), of the Tidewater Virginia and Ann Arundel County, Md. Only a person of "gentle" blood in those days was eligible to hold a commission in the royal army, as Capt. John (1) of Virginia did. Social lines were inflexibly drawn; hence it is noteworthy that Capt. John was the boon companion and esteemed visitor at the homes of the leading Virginians of his time, including the Royal Governor and members of the House of Burgesses. He founded the aristocratic Sisson lineage in "the Old Dominion." Whatever his reasons for leaving England may have been, certainly they were not antagonism toward either the State church or Stuart rule.

## III

## SISSON LINEAGES OF VIRGINIA

The Sisson kindred in America owe their origin to two widely separated pioneer lineages, dating from three (and possibly four) imigrant progenitors. All were indubitably of the same English or Welsh-English family group, possibly distant cousins, but it appears that they never met in the New World and that, even subsequently, the two major lineages never became intermingled.

The Sissons first made their American appearance in Virginia, emigrating probably via Wales, from southern England--

from London and the vicinity of Bristol. Four Virginia progenitors preceded the advent of the contemporaneous New England lineage at Dartmouth, Mass., in 1653.

The first bearer of the Sisson surname to sail from England for Virginia was--quoting the record verbatim--

"SISSON, THOS;" of London Towne, haberdasher."

He is of documentary record as resident in the Tidewater region of Virginia in 1623, among the very earliest settlers there. Nothing more than that is known of him, but it intrigues the imagination to fancy what may have prompted a man of his occupation to emigrate to the savage wilderness of the New World at that early date.

(Ref: Some Emigrants to Virginia, compiled from the records, by W.G. Standard, pub. by Bell Book & Stationery Co., Richmond, Va., 1911; also Virginia Magazine of History & Biography, p. 132).

From the earliest period of Virginia settlement it had been the law that all newcomers should register their names, birthplaces, occupations, and take the Oath of Allegiance. The law required that the commander of the fort at Point Comfort should go aboard all ships as soon as they arrived "and there require the commander, captayne or mayster, of the ship or shippesk to deliver up to him a True list of all such persons which were embarqued in theire ship, at their coming out of England, together with theire ages, countryes and townes where they were borne, and to keep record of the same; and be the sayd commander of the fort to administer unto them the Oathes of supremacy and Allegiance." (Ref: Hening's Statutes of Virginia Vol. I p.166).

Our only second reference to THOMAS SISSON(1) appears in the Minutes of the Council and General Court, 1622-1624, the original of which now is preserved in the Library of Congress at Washington, D.C. It reads:

"COURT held ..... (torn) ... 1624

"L. Pott-- The oathes of Supremacy & Alleg.
"To these whose names are underwritten...

whereafter the list includes:

"THOS. SISSON of London, haberdasher."

All immigrants on this list (one of the two earliest extant for Virginia) arrived before Feb. 1622, because many of theirnames likewide appear in the Colonial census taken then.
(Ref: Virginia Magazine of Hist. & Biography, pub. by the Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Va. 1911, Vol. XXIX)

The strict likelihood of this Thomas Sisson being the original progenitor of a Virginia lineage of unbroken descent will receive consideration shortly hereafter, in this Chapter.

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Two other relatives who set out upon the great New World adventure 19 years before the advent of the New England Sisson pioneers, are recorded in an Old English MSS. known as 9-10 Car. I,-- A Register of All Travellers to America Who Passed from Ye Part of London in the Yeares 1634-1635. This is a portion of a still larger collection entitled Original Lists of Persouns of Quality that Went as Emigrants to America, 1600-1700. In that old MSS. we read:

"LICENSES TO GO BEYOND YE SEAS:
Post festum Natalis Christi 1634, usqr.
ad feetum Nat. Christi 1635.

"Secundo Januarii, 1634.

"Theis under written are to be transported to Virginea imbarqued in ye Mercht. Bonaventure, JAMES RICCOSTE, Mr., bound thither, have taken the oath of allegiance."

Then follows a list of 174 passengers, names and ages, of which one is:

"GEO. SISSON ..... 40 years."

At another place in the official MSS. appears:

"3 Aprill, 1635, at Gravesend.
"In ye Peter Bonaventure, THOMAS HARMAN, Mr., bound for the Barbadoes, theis under written names p. order; they have taken ye Oath of supremacie and allegeance."

Then follows a list of the names and ages of 100 passengers, of which one was:

"JO. SESSIONS ..... 22 Yeares."

The last-mentioned baptismal name given as "Jo." undoubtedly is intended as an abbreviation of John, since the commonest 17th Century abbreviation for Joseph was "Jos."

What ultimately became of either of these two Sissons, or "Sessions", is unknown. No George Session or Sisson appears in the official list of Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666, nor in the surviving early colonial records of Barbados, in the West Indies. They both may have died on the voyage overseas, or, on the other hand, may actually have entered Virginia, as

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did representatives of many other families whose names somehow are lacking in extant records.

(Ref: Original Lists of Persouns of Quality, Emigrating to America, 1600-1700 ed. by John Camden Hotten, Vol. II pub. by J.W. Bouton, N.Y.City, 1880; Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666, ed. by Geo. Cabell Greer, Clerk of the Va. State Land Office, pub. by W.C.Hill Printing Co., Richmond, Va. 1912).

JUDITH SISSON is of documentary record as settled in Warwick Co. Va. in 1645. Although nothing more definite is known of her immediate family, the date may imply that she was either the widow or daughter of the aforesaid George Sisson, who sailed for Virginia as a middle aged man eleven years previously.

Owing to carelessness and the general illiteracy of record clerks, in early colonial days, it is likely that certain of the early "Sessions" in due times became "Sissons". Such dialectic differences in pronounciation account for the medieval differentiation of the originally kindred family groups in England, and probably functioned in the same way in colonial America. In this consideration it is perhaps significant that the decidedly limited but continued existence of a Sessions lineage in Virginia and the Carolinas from the early colonial period onward shows complete lack of relationship with the quite definitely unified SESSIONS kindred of New England, whose lineal progenitor was Alexander Sessions, who settled at Andover, Mass. about 1669. Most Virginians of the "Sessions" form of the surname customarily spelled their name without the final s, which almost invariably characterized the New England form of the surname.

Of this southern Session lineage were THOMAS and JOHN SESSIONS, resident in 1771 in the Carolinas. They were either brothers or first cousins. Thomas Sessions married a Miss Winget at Wilmington, S.C., and by her became the father of eight children,-- John, Solomon, Thomas, Zey, Joseph, Hannah, Nancy and Sally.

JOHN SESSIONS was a mariner by profession, -- a reckless fellow, reputed at one time to have been a member of the notorious crew of the pirate Black Beard, who terrorized shipping throughout the Caribbean and the Atlantic seaboard during the first half ot eh 18th Century. He married and had, among other offspring, a son, RICHARD SESSIONS, who resided in Sampson Co. N. C.

RICHARD SESSIONS, son of John and the quondam pirate, married Esther Boone, who bore him, among other children, a son, WILLIAM, who himself subsequently removed residence to Texas. This Richard Sessions is undoubtedly the same individual as the one variously registered as Richard "Session" and "Sisson" on the Virginia militia muster rolls, as having served with the Continental army and received a land bounty warrant in 1781 at close of the war.

ISAAC SISSIONS, reported in the 1st Census of the U. S., 1790, as resident in the town of Fayetteville, in the Fayetteville District of North Carolina, was probably the brother of the aforesaid Richard and another son of John the pirate. Nothing is known of his antecedents save that in 1789 he was unmarried and lived alone in a house of his own.

The public records of Virginia are woefully incomplete as concern the entire period of its colonial history and the first 60 years after its organization as a State of the Union. This incompleteness applies both to governmental records of the region as a whole and to official documents, military muster rolls, and vital statistics of the component counties, townships and towns themselves. Even the registries of the parish churches either were haphazardly kept, altogether neglected, or have disappeared. Many of the originally extant records of both the colony and the counties were either destroyed or lost during periods of national war or periodic popular insurrections. Frequently the sectional censuses taken by various colonial governors from 1622 and even earlier were deliberately destroyed by insurgent settlers in order to hamper and confuse endeavors to tax them tyrannously. Many records were destroyed when Jamestown was deliberately burned by the revolted people during Bacon's Rebellion. It does not appear that there ever was any attempt made to compile and systematically maintain military rosters of the county Militia; and, even in most cases where counties did trouble to compile Muster Rolls in periods of temporary emergency, these rarely were turned over to the general authorities of the colony or the State for preservation in the official archives.

There is a tremendous contrast between the meticulous particularity and extreme detail with which the middle class, systematic New England settlers took care to make written (and still existant) records of their every public and private transactions, and the apparently careless irregularity with which every-day matters were documented for future reference by the more affluent, socially-superior Cavaliers, gentlemen adventurers, subsequently enfranchized bondmen, French Huguenot, Scotch and German colonists of Virginia, particularly until well after the close of the Revolutionary War. The typical Virginian apparently did not see the importance of bothering with petty records-keeping as did the New Englanders invariably keep. Many records, of course, were inadvertantly destroyed during the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Many important records of the southern states as a whole were lost during the War of 1812, as instance the loss of so large a portion of the original and only copies of the 1st U.S. Census of 1790 when the British burned the capitol at Washington in 1814. Indefatiguable efforts on the part of State archivists, historians, antiquarians and both amateur and professional genealogists have been unable to resurrect more than a comparatively few fragments of all the missing records of Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Genealogical research has been further handicapped, especially as concerns vital statistics, by the rapidity of confusing obliteration, mergers and complicated subdivisions of most of the Virginia counties from the earliest colonial period forward,-- a factor not operative anywhere in New England. Charles River County, one of the earliest for instance, had its name changed in 1642 to York County; Old Rappahannock Co. (not to be confused with the later and differently located Rappahannock County) was formed from a portion of Lancaster Co. in 1656, and ceased to be a county name altogether in 1692, when the counties of Richmond and Essex were formed out of it. Spottsylvania Co. once the largest in the colony, was repeatedly partitioned. Orange Co. itself at first including immense territory, was one of the counties formed out of Spottsylvania in 1734; itself for long included Rockbridge and many adjoining western counties, extanding far beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains, and even comprehending the whole of the present state of Kentucky within its boundaries. These may be taken as typical nomenclatural and territorial changes in the Virginia counties as a whole, making it seem that the average settler and his immediate family moved with erratic frequency and an irrationality which actually was not the case. In many instances we find a father located in a county of a certain name; later in a county of a different name; or perhaps the second generation of his immediate family may be of record as resident in three or four differently designated counties. Painstaking research, almost as frequently as not, will reveal that the family being investigated as a whole still remained resident in its original location, and that the only change was an arbitrary one in officially subdividing the portions of the original county.

(Ref: Hist. of Orange Co. by W.W.Scott, pub.by Everett Waddey Co., Richmond, Va. 1907; Foote's Hist. of Virginia; Hening's Statutes at Large of Virginia ed. John J. Casey, privately printed, N.Y. City, 1896, etc.)

Virginia was made a royal instead of a proprietory colony, as it theretofore had been, in 1624, the King appointing the Governor and Council, and the people electing land-owing members from among themselves to the House of Burgesses. Jamestown was the capital until 1698, when it was transferred to Williamsburg. The colony soon occupied most of the Tidewater and its midland border, whence we can understand the spread of the Sissons from Ann Arundel Co. Md., in Capt. John Sisson's time to Orange Co. in the time of Bryan Sisson. In 1718 Governor Spotswood crossed the Blue Ridge mountains and was the first white man to enter the Great Valley, which soon thereafter was occupied by large numbers of Scottish and some German and English settlers. We see this westward movement reflected in the migration of Caleb Sisson and his progency from Orange to Rockbridge and Botetourt counties, and thence on into the Indian country of Kentucky and Missouri, whence in due time the descendants continued to move on northwards into southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and further westwards into Texas and Kansas. In Virginia the great Indian massacres of 1622 and 1644 were followed by savage retaliatory wars of prolonged duration on the part of the settlers and ended in the practical extermination of many of the eastern Virginia Indian tribes. Fighting with the red men continued frequent throughout Virginia's history until the 19th century, however. The extension westward beyond the first limits of Tidewater settlement-the peninsulas of the James, York and Rappahannock rivers--brought the colonists into contact with new, fierce tribes and small forts were erected in series in various places and garrisoned with rangers, who for long guarded the head-of-tidewater frontier against Indian raids and uprisings.

Recurrent Indian troubles culminated in 1676 with Bacon's Rebellion. Nathaniel Bacon raised a force of some hundreds of men to punish the savages for persistent depredations and finally crushed the Indians power east of the Blue Ridge. Shortly after this campaign he was oblidged to turn his arms against Governor Sir William Berkeley, who resented his popularity and raising troops without proper governmental authority. In the ensuing curious little civil war, a large part of the able bodied population of Virginia served on one side or the other. Undoubtedly therefore, a representative number of Sissons must have been born arms in this revolt of the commonalty against Berkley's tyranny, but we have no record of them for the reason that the Muster Rolls of the Virginia colonial militia never seem to have been turned in to the colonial or State departments of archives, and--if any such muster rolls still exist in anything except fragmentary form--they are admittedly unbeknown to the contemporary State authorities.

In 1744 Virginia purchased from the Indians the right to make settlements to the Ohio River, and built a fort where Pittsburgh, Pa. now stands. The French captured this in 1754, renaming it Fort Duquesne. The lengthy French and Indian War followed, concluding in 1761 with the treaty of Paris, which

made the western boundary of Virginia the Mississippi River. During that war in 1755, the British General Braddock was defeated and in 1758 Fort Duquesne was captured and renamed Fort Pitt.

Between the period of the early Indian wars in the Tidewater region and that of concerted expansion beyond the Blue Ridge, the theretofore characteristic military spirit of Virginia dwindled until the colony at length became an ultra-peaceable Cavalier-Quaker community, of entirely different type from the rigid contentious, always-suspicious and god-fearing New England. Virginia's large Quaker population was religously opposed to bloodshed, and the descendants of original Cavalier settlers--now comfortably and very prosperously established on their large tobacco and cotton-raising plantations-were of a temperament to let lift drift pleasantly past without greatly disturbing themselves over either matters of personal conscience or European politics. It was not until the time of the Revolutionary War that the old-time military spirit revived fierily in Virginia and thereafter it continued to play one of the most conspicuous and patriotic parts in the development of the new nation.

In the War of 1812 Virginia bore a notable part, as also in the Mexican War of 1846-47. The Civil War, 1861-1865 was more disastrous to Virginia than to any other state of the Union. Tens of thousands of its best men were killed in battle, its territory was dismembered, and more than 300 million dollars worth of property was destroyed. During the Civil War numerous Sissons were enlisted in the armies of both Union and Confederacy.

As aforesaid, THOMAS SISSON (1) emigrated from London, where he had been a haberdasher, to Virginia, shortly before 1622. Nothing else concerning his personal career is known, but it is assumed that he was the father of Capt.John (2), Robert (2), Daniel (2) Mary (2) and Nicholas (2). No record exists showing that any of these five Sissons were born outside the colony. Certainly, had they been, the names of at least one or more of the five would appear on one of the still extant ships-passenger lists from Bristol or London, or upon one of the carefully kept Virginia immigration lists, which were maintained partly in connection with administration of the oathoof allegiance, and partly to record the identity of the settler importing indentured servants, ultimate liberation from whose tenure of "bondage" in Virginia was determined by documentary proof of their immigration dates.

Captain John Sisson (2) appears as an officer in the royal colonial army and the comrade of wealthy tobacco planters and large landholders of the Tidewater region. Capt. Cornelius Howard, a brother army officer and himself a wealthy planter on the Severn River, who in 1671-1675 represented Ann Arundel Co.,Md. in the Colonial Assembly, in his will affectionately names "Capt.John Sisson" as "my brother" (i.e.in friendship) and appointed him executor of his will, than which no greater proof of confidence could have been given in those troubulous days. This will is dated in 1663.

(Ref: Founders of Ann Arundel & Howard Counties Md. ed.by J. D. Warfield, pub.by Kohn & Pollock, Baltimore, Md. 1905.)

ROBERT SISSON (2) appears as already a man of substance by the middle of the 17th Century. He was one of the witnesses to the will of Thomas Wright, dated Oct. 23, 1661, and probated Mar. 10, 1666; and also was a witness to the will of Roger Williams, dated Feb. 26, 1675, which was probated Jan. 6, 1677. For a time he was resident in Goochland county; later of Henrico Co. He married and had offspring of whom more hereafter.

(Ref: Virginia Co. Records Vol.VI, ed. by Wm.A.Crozier, pub. The Genealogical Assn. Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., 1887)

DANIEL SISSON (2) resided in Westmoreland Co. He received a bequest in the will of James Baldridge, dated Nov. 26, 1658, which was probated Jan. 10, 1659. Later he removed to Appomatox Co. He married and among other offspring had Frances Butler Sisson (3). He was famous as official interpreter to the Indians, but, being unschooled, had to sign his name with an "x".

FRANCES SISSON (3) was born at Appomatox Co. and

later removed to Westmoreland Co. Evidently of strong family affections, she specified in her will, dated Feb. 11, 1697 (Old Style), and probated Feb. 23, 1697 (Old Style) that she be"buried near my father and mother in Appomatox; coz. Nath. Pope; godson Lewis Pope, son of Nathaniel; coz. Lewis Nicholas; children of my friend Law.Washington Sr. and he to be exor."

(Ref: Virginia Co. Records Vol. 1 ed. by Wm. A. Crozier,pub. The Genealogical Society, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. 1911-- Westmoreland Co. Va. Wills Book 1).

MARY SISSON (2), sister of Daniel and presumable daughter of Thomas, lived in Westmoreland Co. Before 1660 she married Nathaniel Jr. second son of the famous Col. Nathaniel and Lucy Pope, of Westmoreland Co., to whom she bore an only son, Nathaniel (3-c). Nathaniel, her husband dying early without a will, and Mary (Sisson) Pope thereupon marrying.... Bridges, her son by her first union, became known as Nathaniel Pope "alias Bridges." Mary (Sisson) Pope's second husband also dying soon after their marriage, without begetting issue, she took her third husband, Lewis Nicholas, of Westmoreland Co., by whom she had a son, Lewis Jr. (3-c). Then being widowed for a third time, Mary (Sisson) Pope took for her fourth husband David Whitliffe (or Wickliffe), who was the first white Protestant child born in Maryland, and whom, at time of his acquaintance with Mary (Sisson) Pope, Bridges, Nicholas, had become a refugee in Virginia from religious persecution. By David Whitliffe (or Wickliffe) Mary Sisson became the mother of two sons and a daughter,--David (3-c), Robert (3-c) and Deborah (3-c).

Nathaniel Pope (Alias Bridges) her son by her first husband (3-c) became a lawyer. He served as King's attorney for Westmoreland Co., later was Clerk of Stafford Co. Va. held various other offices of public trust, and died in 1719. He married Jane, daughter of Original and Jane (Brooks) Brown, who bore him seven children: William (4-c), Mary (4-c), Lewis (4-c), John (4-c), Jane (4-c), Worden (4-c), and Elizabeth (4-c).

Ref: William & Mary College Quarterly Magazine, Vol. XII 1st Series, ed. by Lyon G. Tyler, pub. Richmond,Va. 1904; Va. Magazine of Hist. & Biography, Vol. XXXI, pub. by Va. Hist.Society, Richmond 1923; Col. Nathaniel Pope & His Descendents, by the Rev. G. W. Beale.

NICHOLAS SISSON (2), brother of Mary and Daniel, and presumable son of Thomas, resided in Westmoreland Co. He married and among other children, had a son who married into the famous French Huguenot-Virginia Muse family, as did several generations of Sisson thereafter.

(Ref: Va.Mag.of Hist. & Biography Vol. XXXI, pub. by Va. Hist. Soc. Richmond, 1923).

.....SISSON (4), of Westmoreland Co. grandson of Nicholas, same Co. married Betty Muse, daughter of Daniel of Westmoreland Co., a descendant of the Marquis de la Muse, leader of the great French Huguenot immigration of more than 700 Virginia refugees in 1700------Sisson (4) died soon after this union, without begetting issue, whereafter his widow took for her second husband.....Moxly, to whom she bore a son before 1784. The will of her father, Daniel Muse, dated Jan. 28, 1783, and probated Dec. 6, 1784, names as beneficiaries, "my daughter Betty Muse Sisson and her son, James Noxly."

Ref: Westmoreland Co.Va.Will Book No. 7; William and Mary College Quarterly Hist.Magazine Vol.XVII (pub. 1909)

WILLIAM SISSON (4), brother of the aforesaid..... and grandson of Nicholas, shortly after the death of Daniel Muse and filing of the before mentioned will, paid court to Peggy Muse, the younger sister of his brother's wife, who at that time still was below the legal age of consent. Approbation of the widowed mother was secured, however, hence the following entry in the Westmoreland Co.Marriages:

"Dec. 16, 1789, William Sisson and Peggy Muse, Susanna Muse, her mother, give her consent."
(Ref: Va. Co. Records Vol. IV ed. by Wm. A. Crozier, Ibid, Early Va. Marriages.)

Peggy bore William Sisson (4), among other children, Winny (5) Peggy, (5) Sally, and Barrett (5). Peggy 2nd and Sally were twins and subsequently both married in the same year, although on different dates. Another dau. undoubtedly was Ann (5).

ANN SISSON (5), dau. of William and Peggy was born in Westmoreland Co. Va. and on June 21, 1792, married Thomas Morse.

(Ref: Va.Co. Records Vol. IV, Westmoreland Marriages Rolls, ed. by Crozier, Ibid.)

PEGGY SISSON (5), dau. of William and Peggy was born in Westmoreland Co. Va. and there on Feb. 10, 1807, married Gerard McKenney (Ref: Va. Co. Records Vol. IV, Ibid)

SALLY SISSON (5), dau. of William and Peggy was born in Westmoreland Co. Va. and there on Dec. 11, 1807, married Edward Spence, brother of her elder sister Winny's husband. Her name appears erroneously as "Sissin", in one place in the County Records.

WINNY SISSON (5) dau. of William & Peggy was born in Westmoreland Co. Va., and there on June 9, 1809, married William Spence, a near neighbor. (Ref: Va.Co. Records Vol. IV.)

BARRETT SISSON (5), son of William & Peggy was born

in Westmoreland Co. Va. and there on June 9, 1809 married Frances Brown. (Ref: Va.Co.Rec.Vol.IV ibid.)

SALLY SISSON (4), sister of William of Westmoreland Co. on Mar. 16, 1789, married Richard Moxley, a neighbor in the same county. Her brother... Sisson (4)'s wife, Betty Muse, first married Richard Moxley's brother.
(Ref: Westmoreland Co. Marriage Rolls (Va.Co. Records Vol. IV, Ibid.)

The Sisson family was peculiarly identified with Dinwiddie Co. Va.(later Price George Co.) from the earliest period of its history. Their names several times occurs on the records mispelled ""Sissom." (Ref: Va. Mag. of Hist. & Biography Ibid Vol. IV.)

WILLIAM SISSON (3), apparently the son of Robert of Goochland Co.(Q.V.) was resident in Rappahannock Co. in 1680. He was one of two witnesses to the will of Bridget Richards, dated Apr. 10, 1685, which was proved May 24, 1685. SHE was the wife of Lewis Richards, a close friend of William Sisson.
(Ref: Rappahannock Co. Wills (Va.Co.Rec.Vol.VII Ibid).
William Sisson (3) married and had among other children, William Jr. (4) and Bryan (4), Elizabeth (4).

ELIZABETH SISSON (4), dau. of William, removed to Essex Co. Va. where she was one of three witnesses to the will of John Edmundson, of Essex Co. dated Jan. 28, 1728,, and proven Feb. 17, 1729.
(Ref: Tyler's Magazine, Historical & Genealogical, Quarterly, Vol. VII,ed.by Lyon G. Tyler,pub. Richmond, Va., 1926.)

WILLIAM SISSON (4), 2nd son of William, married and had progeny, among whom were William, 3rd (5), Jane (5) and Thomas (5).

WILLIAM SISSON, 3rd (5) son of William, together with Sam Brousch served as witnesses to the signing of the marriage contract of John Wills with Ann Childers, in Norfolk Co. Jan. 24, 1759.
(Ref: Abstracts from Norfolk Co. Wills in Lower Norfolk Co. Antiquary, Vol. IV ed.by Edward W. James,pub.Friedenwald Press,Baltimore, Md.)

JANE SISSON (5) apparently a daughter of William, 3rd, on Feb. 7, 1774, married Robert McCully in Norfolk Co. Va.
(Ref: Norfolk Co. Marriages Bonds records in lower Norfolk Co. Antiquary, ibid, Vol. IV)

THOMAS SISSON (5), son of William, 3rd removed to

Brunswick Co., where on February 17, 1769, he married Martha Parker, dau. of William Parham, (deceased) (Ref: Sussex Co. Marriage Bonds in Vol. XII, Va.Co.Records, 1st Series). They later removed to Surrey Co., where Thomas Sisson became involved in financial difficulties with his neighbors, the Poythress family. The matter was carried to the colonial courts, where a judgment was secured against Thomas Sisson (5). However, Robert and Thomas Poythress the complaintants, and Thomas Sisson (5) all died before the matter was adjudicated. The heirs of the aforesaid plaintiffs, unable to get any satisfaction from Thomas Sisson's "relict" (i.e. widow), then took legal means to seize whatever they could of his estate as witness the following document from the Records of Surrey Co.

"May 15, 1750...attachment obtained by Peter and Elizabeth Poythress executors of Robert Poythress, deceased, and Joshua Poythress, executor of Thomas Poythress, dec. against the estate of Thomas Sisson."
(Ref: Order Bk of the Court, Vol. XIX & XXIII, Va. Co. Records IBID pub. 1911 and 1915.)

Thomas Sisson's financial difficulties resulted from his activities as a land speculator, with which for a while he was apparently quite successful and at one time controlled extensive parcels of farm land in Brunswick and adjoining counties. The Index to Land Grants, Bk.XIII for Brunswick Co.Va. contains the following typical entries illustrative of Thomas Sisson's enterprise:

"No. 47 -- Thos. Sisson, 1726.... 536 acres.
"No. 427-- Thos. Sisson, 1728.... 300 acres.
(Ref: Va.Co.Records, ibid).

Thomas Sisson's offspring included Lucy (6), John (6) William (6), David (6) and Joshua (6). The last four of these children took up residence in Union Co. Va. during the Revlutionary War period, and their descendants continued to reside in the vicinity until the time of the Civil War.

LUCY SISSON (6), dau. of Thomas, on Dec. 30, 1790, (Dec. 39th old Style calendar reckoning,) married John Johnson of Greenville, Co. Va. The ceromony was recorded by "Sterling Sledge, Sec."
(Ref: Reg. of Marriage Bonds of Greenville Co. 1781-1808; Tyler's Hist. & Gen. Quarterly, ed. by Lyon G. Tyler Vol. II ibid; also Va. Magazine of Hist. & Biog. Vol. XXIV pub. 1916, ibid.)

ABSOLOM E. SISSON (5), either another son of Thomas, or a descendant of Daniel Sisson (2) of Westmoreland

and later Appomatox Co.Va., appears on the U.S. War Dept. rolls as having served with the Va. Militia in 1776, at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Nothing else is known of him.

(Ref: Index of Revolutionary Records in Va. State Archives, compiled by Dr. H. J. Eckenrode, pub. by the State, Richmond, Va. 1912-14.)

Another member of the kindred whose exact relationship is seemingly indefinable is "JOHN SISSON". He appears as one of the numerous signatories to an earnest petition of the settlers on the over-mountain western Virginia frontier (1742), that they be allowed official sanction to organize their own military for self-protection. The document carries peculiar interest as illustrative of how rapidly the literacy of Virginia settlers had degenerated within only a few generations, owing to the dearth of formal schooling.

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Petition of Frontier Inhabitants for Appointment of Proper Officers etc. for Their Defense.

"July 30, 1742 --

"To the Honourable, WILLIAM GOOCH, esqr. HIS MAJESTY'S Lieut.Governor etc.

"Sr---

"We your pettionours humbly showeth that we your Honours Holy and Dutifull subganckes hath ventred our lives and all that we have in settling ye back parts of Virginia which was a veri great Hassirt and Dengrous, for itis the Hathins (i.e.heathen's) Road to ware, which has proved hortfull to severil of ous that were ye first settlers of their backwoods and wee your Honibill pettionors some time agoo pettioned your Honnours most Duttifull subjects thought properist men and men that had Hert and Curidg to hed us yn time of -- and to defend your Contray and your poor Subgacks intrist from ye voilance of ye Haithen-- But yet agine we humbly persume to poot your Honnour yn mind of our Great want of them in hopes that your Honner will Grant a Captins Commission to John McDowell, with follring of fishers, and your Honnour's Complyence in this will be Great settisfiction to your most Duttiful and Humbil pittioners--and we as in Duty bond shall Ever pray, etc.--

"Signed - -

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| Andrew Moore | James Eikins | John Goof |
| David Moore | George Marfit | James Milo |
| John Anderson | Mathew Patrar | Mathew Lyel |
| Joabe Anderson | John Sisson | John Gray |
| James Anderson | James Sutherland | |
| James McDowell | Dan'l. Pruitt | |

and many others.

(Ref: - Calendar of Virginia State Papers & Other MSS. Apr. 1 to Dec. 31, 1781, and earlier, ed. by William P. Palmer Vol. I pub. for the state by James H. Goode, printer, Richmond,Va. 1881.)

BRYAN SISSON (4) also spelled Bryon, Briat and Bryant on various records -- son of William Sisson of Rappahannock and Richmond Counties, Va. was named as a beneficiary in the will of Richard White, of Richmond Co.,whose phraseology at the same time positively confirms Bryan Sisson's parentage. The document is found in the Richmond Co. Will Book:

"White, Richard, Parish of Sittenburn Feb. 5, 1702, proved June 2, 1703. Bequests as stated to my godson Bryan, son of William Sisson; godson Richard, son of Edward Jones; my wife Katherine to be executrix. Witnesses: William Talbot and John Doyle."
(Ref: Va. Co. Records Vol. VII, ibid)

The Orange Co. Tithe Lists for the year 1734 mentions "Briant Sisson" as subject to 3 tithes, which was a personal levy and not, in those days a tax of real property. This list is dated the same year that Orange Co. first was created out of the western most part of Spottsylvania Co. and was the new county's first attempt to determine its taxable potentialities. From this fact it may be inferred that Bryan Sisson (4) already had been resident in that district for some time.
(Ref: William & Mary College Quarterly Hist.Mag. Vol. XXVII, 1st Series ibid)

The List of Military Commissions for Orange Co. under date of 1740 includes "Bryan Sisson" in its enumeration of Captains of the Co. Militia.
(Ref: Hist. of Orange Co. Va. Appendix F. by W. W. Scott)

Bryan Sisson (4) married Rachel---, who bore him four children... William (5), George (5), Caleb (5), and Hannah (5). He died in Aug. 1771. His will, dated June 21st that same year, names his three sons executors, and mentions his wife and all four children as surviving him. The will was admitted to probate Aug. 22, 1771. The accompanying appraisement of his estate names considerable real estate holdings and possession of nine slaves.
(Ref: Hist. of Orange Co. Va. by W.W. Scott, ibid; Will Book #2 p.436; Circuit Court Records of Orange Co., Appendix F.p.358)

WILLIAM SISSON (5) Son of Capt. Bryan, of Orange Co. Va. and his brother GEORGE SISSON (5) are of record as furnishing supplies to the American army during the Revolutionary War. (Ref: Va. Archives q.v.)

CALEB SISSON (5) son of Capt. Bryan, was born in Orange Co. Va. before 1750. The Hist. of James Nourse & His Desc. incorrectly states that Caleb was born in

England, evidently being unaware of his descent from Bryan Sisson. He inherited considerable landholdings from his father, whence he was popularly known as "the Squire", although he later adopted the vocation of a minister of the gospel. Until middle age, he devoted himself largely to farming. During the Revolution he served with the Orange Co. Militia. Is recorded as an Ensign in Capt. Moore's Co. under date of Feb. 25, 1779. Took the Oath of loyalty on Apr. 22, 1779.
(Ref: Hist. Register of Va. in the Revolution by John H. Gwathmey, pub. Dietz Press, Richmond, Va. 1938).

CALEB SISSON married (1) Milly Branham on July 20, 1771, and (2) married Sarah Roach some time prior to 1789. By his first wife he had Stanley (6) and possibly others, and by his second wife he had six more children -- Jesse (6), Abner (6), Armistead (6), John (6), Polly (6), and James (6). Caleb died Sept. 17, 1807, in Rockbridge Co. which originally was a southern west part of Orange Co. (Ref: William & Mary Coll. Quarterly Vol. IV, 1st Series).

STANLEY SISSON (6) son of Caleb was born in Rockbridge Co. Va. In 1796 he married Catherine Kirkwood and removed to a farm homestead near Louisville, Ky. where he died while still comparatively young.

JESSE SISSON (6), son of Caleb, was born in Rockbridge Co. Va. Aug. 7, 1789. By profession he was a miller and a farmer. On June 1, 1815, he married Elizabeth H. Chapline, by whom he had numerous offspring, of whom more hereafter. He removed to Rockingham Co. Va. first and thence, after selling his property to Brook Co. W. Va. There, after a time, he again sold his holdings and on Mar. 21, 1842, set out for a new home in Missouri. In that state he settled in Clark Co. He died in Nov. 27, 1864 on his farm there. During the war of 1812 he enlisted against the British, as witness the following excerpt from a letter sent by Jesse Sisson to his brother Abner, dated Aug. 9, 1812:

"...I have joined the Light Infantry, at Martinsburg (i.e. Morton's Gap, in Hopkins Co.Ky.) and expect to be called upon soon. General Hull has given up all of our Army at Detroit to the British. There is another Army now raising which will be under the command of General Harrison in Kentucky."

JESSE SISSON'S wife, Elizabeth was the dau. of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Nourse) Chapline. She was born near Hagerstown, Md. July 15, 1798, and died in Clark Co.

Mo. Dec. 3, 1864. She and Jesse Sisson were married near Hagerstown, Md. and became the parents of eight daughters and four sons...Asbury Chapline (7), Elizabeth Sarah (7), Martha Ann Mary (7), Abner Morgan, (7), Almyra, Susan (7), John Milton (7), Ruhanna Catherine (7), Amanda Malvina (7), Evaline Samantha (7), Emily Minerva (7), Mississippi Susan (7), Strother Washington (7). Jesse Sisson, his wife and all of his children lie buried in the family vault in the Clark Co. Mo. cemetery.

ABNER SISSON (6), son of Caleb was born in Botstourt Co. Va. in 1790. By profession he was both a tanner and a farmer. Some time before Sept. 16, 1823, he removed to a farm in Jefferson Co. Ky. not far from Louisville, where he married Susanna Hardy, daughter of a neighbor. Later the family moved to Macoupin Co. Ill. where Abner Sisson (6) finally died.

JOHN WESLEY (?) SISSON (6), son of Caleb was born in Rockbridge Co. Va. He was a saddlemaker by trade and served as a Capt. during the War of 1812. He married in Kentucky, later removing to a farm near Louisville, Ky. and thence to Clark Co. Mo., where he finally died.

JAMES SISSON (6), son of Caleb was born in Rockbridge Co. Va. With his half-brother Stanley (6) and other members of the family, he removed to a farm near Louisville, Ky. He died young without marrying, after having served as a private in the army during the War of 1812.

ARMISTEAD SISSON (6), son of Caleb was born in 1785 in Rockbridge Co. Va. and also served as a private in the army during the war of 1812. In 1812 he married Anna, dau. of Thomas Hardy, near Hagerstown, Md. and later removed with other members of the family to a farm homestead near Louisville, Ky., where he died in 1836-37. His wife was the sister of Susanna Hardy, wife of his brother Abner Sisson. She bore Armistead seven children--Harriet (7), Allen (7), Ferdinand (7), Mary Ann (7), James (7), Strother (7), and Martha (7).

HARRIET SISSON (7), daughter of Armistead, married Col. Bayne, of Georgia, to whom she bore a son, Charles Allen (8-c)

ALLEN SISSON (7), son of Armistead, lived with his brother, Strother in Henderson Co. Ky. in 1852.

MARY ANN SISSON (7), daughter of Armistead, on Jan. 6, 1852, married John Washburn. With her brother, Strother, they subsequently removed to a farm in Henderson Co. Ky.

JAMES SISSON (7), son of Armistead, married his cousin, Emeline, the daughter of John Sisson, (6), who then were living on a farm near Louisville, Ky. They later removed to a farm in Clark Co. Mo.

STROTHER SISSON (7), son of Armistead was born Jan. 10, 1820 in Botetourt Co. Va. and died Jan. 26, 1889 in Henderson Co. Ky. Sometime prior to 1850 he married in Henderson Co.Ky. Julia Harvey Cheaney, daughter of William Dupre and Ellen Brown (or Harvey) Cheaney. They had two children, -- William A. (8), and Anna, or Mary Anna (8).

MARTHA SISSON (7), daughter of Armistead, married Thomas McGinnis about 1841. They were the parents of five children, -- two daughters (8-c), Erasmus (8-c), Strother (8-c) and Samuel (8-c).

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD SISSON (8), son of Strother was born June 9, 1851 in Geneva, Henderson Co. Ky. and died Jan. 6,1922, in Chicago, Ill., As a lad he attended the country schools of his district in the winter months and helped his father on the farm throughout the summers. In 1871 he took a course at the Evansville (Ind.) Business College and married three years later. In the Fall of 1878 he engaged in the retail grocery business in Geneva, Ky., so continuing until he accepted a position as city reporter for the Bradstreet Co., commercial credit reports agency, at Evansville, Ind. Nov.12, 1881. He was transferred to the firm's St. Louis, Mo. office as Asst. Superintendent on Apr. 1, 1886; was made city solicitor on Sept. 28, 1888, and retained that position until he resigned to accept a similar one with R. G. Dun & Co., on July 1st. He was appointed chief clerk for the Dun agency, Dec. 1, 1902, and established his residence at Oak Eminence, Webster Groves, Mo., about 1905. He was a member of the St. Louis, Mo. Mfrs. Ass'n. the St. Louis Credit Men's Ass'n, and the Mercantile Club. Religiously he was affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterial Church. His office for long was located at 314 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo. On Sept. 16, 1874 William Armistead Sisson (8) married Catherine Walker, who herself was born July 17, 1853 and died in Hinsdale, Ill., Apr. 12, 1928. She was the daughter of William Gould and Charlotte (Abbott) Walker. They became the parents of five children -- Walker (9), Rupert (9), Vinton E. (9), Julia Dupre (9), and Armistead (9).
ref: Book of St. Louisiana, ed. by John W. Leonard, pub. by St. Louis Republic, St. Louis, Mo. 1906.

MARY ANNA SISSON (8) daughter of Strother, married her first cousin Strother McGinnis, q.v.

WALKER SISSON (9) son of William Armistead was born in 1875 and died in 1881.

RUPER HAROLD SISSON (9), son of William Armistead was born Mar. 8, 1878, in Geneva, Henderson Co. Ky. and died Apr.25, 1934. He married Ella Della Stoner Sept. 1903.

JULIA DUPRE SISSON (9) daughter of William Armistead, married Albert Carr Speirs. She lives in Stanford, Conn.

ARMISTEAD SISSON (9) son of William Armistead, was born Feb. 16, 1897 and died in 1903.

VINTON EARL SISSON (9), son of William Armistead, married Adelaide Howe, and have one daughter, Muriel A.(10). Mrs. Adelaide Howe Sisson was Chairman of the National Defense Educational Committee and now is librarian of the D.A.R. The family home is at 10650 S. Seeley Avenue,Chicago, Illinois.

MURIEL ADELE SISSON (10), daughter of Vinton E.married Forrest Eugene Pierce, and now lived in Chicago, Ill., at 5732 W. Washington Blvd.

Descent Through Jesse Sisson(6).

ABNER MORGAN SISSON (7), son of Jesse, was born in Rockingham Co. Va. June 22, 1823 and died in Hannibal, Mo. in Dec. 1895. On May 18, 1852, he married Elizabeth Harlley Slifer, who herself was born in Frederick, Md. on Aug. 14, 1840, and died in Dec. 1919. They became the parentsof five children -- Ezra Carleton (8), Matilda Elizabeth (8), Emma Alverda (8), Abner M. (8), and Carolyn Viola (8).

EZRA CARLETON SISSON (8), son of Abner M. was born May 20, 1853. He died without marrying.

MATILDA ELIZABETH SISSON (8), daughter of Abner W. was born Dec. 29, 1858. In 1876 she married James H. Doyle, whom she bore three children -- Henry Sisson Doyle (9-c), who later married Daisy Richardson; Elizabeth Norse Doyle (9-c), who married (1) Harry Hall Hawkins, and following his death,married (2) Charles Emmet Yester; and James Henry Doyle (9-c), who remained a bachelor. Elizabeth N. now lives in Sedalia, Mo.

EMMA ALVERDA SISSON (8), daughter of Abner M. was born Feb. 2, 1860, and died rather young.

ABNER MARVIN SISSON (8), son of Abner M. was born Dec. 5, 1869, and died in young manhood.

CAROLYN VIOLA SISSON (8), daughter of Abner M. was born Nov. 28, 1870. She married Mark Gordon Byrd, in 1890, and bore him one child, Mary Elizabeth (9-c), who married William Kyle Pegg, and in turn bore him two children -- Mary Elizabeth Pegg (10-c), born Jan. 8, 1917, and Carolyn Matilda Pegg (10-c), born Aug. 16, 1918. Carolyn V. Byrd's address is 215 S. Lafayette St. Chanute, Kansas.

(Ref: Personal correspondence with Carolyn Byrd, of Chanute, Kas. and other relatives.)

ASBURY CHAPLIN SISSON (7), son of Jesse was born Aug. 13, 1816 and died May 4, 1894, on his farm near Kehokia, Mo. He was born in Rockingham Co. Va. whence he removed to Missouri in early manhood. At Alexander, Mo. Mar. 18, 1852, he married Rachel Johnson, who herself was born at Shelbyville, Ky. June 2, 1818, the daughter of David and Mary A. (Withers) Johnson, both of whom were native Kentuckians. Rachel died after having Asbury C. Sisson (7) bearing two children: James Franklin (8), and Mary Elizabeth (8). The former was born Mar. 12, 1853, and the latter Apr. 27, 1858.

JAMES FRANKLIN SISSON (8), son of Asbury C. was born on his parent's farm in Clark Co. Mo. Mar. 12, 1853, and spent his life as a farmer near Kehokia, Mo. He married Near Kehokia on Sept. 15, 1872 Marie Willis Bash, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth H. Bash, who herself was born in Clark Co. Mo. Dec. 7, 1854. She bore James F. Sisson seven children: -- Rachel Willis (9), Mary Elizabeth (9), Wade Hampton (9), James Franklin (9), Hugh Asbury (9), Raleigh (9), and Olie (9).

RACHEL WILLIS SISSON (9), daughter of James F. was born on the farm in Clark Co. Mo. Jan. 26, 1874.

MARY ELIZABETH SISSON (9), dau. of James F. was born in Clark Co. Mo. Oct. 19, 1875.

WADE HAMPTON SISSON (9), son of James F. was born in Clark Co. Mo. Nov. 8, 1877.

JAMES FRANKLIN SISSON (9), son of James F. was born in Clark Co. Mo. May 16, 1880.

HUGH ASBURY SISSON (9), son of James F. was born in Clark Co. Mo. Feb. 21, 1882.

RALEIGH SISSON (9), son of James F. was born in Clark Co. Mo. on the family farm Feb. 27, 1884, and died in infancy Nov. 30, 1885.

OLIE SISSON (9), son of James F. was born on the farm in Clark Co. Mo. Jan. 27, 1888.

Mary Elizabeth Sisson (8) married near Kahoka, Mo. Oct. 3, 1878, J. August Batt, grain merchant of that vicinity, where they still reside. They became the parents of three children, -- Lawrence Asbury, (9-c), born at Kahoka, Mo. Nov. 12, 1879, and died at the age of only 9 months; Charles W. (9-c) b. at Kahoka, Mo. May 11, 1883, and died in infancy; and Lola B. (9-c) b. at Kahoka, Mo. June 9, 1886, and likewise died in infancy.

ELIZABETH SARAH SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse was born Nov. 21, 1819, and died Dec. 12, 1899, in Hancock Co. W.Va. She was born in Rockingham Co. Va. on Nov. 24,1840. She married her cousin, Jeremiah Chaplin Evans, a farmer, born in Washington Co. Md, Aug. 15, 1813 and died in Hancock Co.W.Va. Mar.21, 1881. They were the parents of four children: James Madison (8-c), Elizabeth (8-c), John Burns (8-c) and Frank Sisson Evans (8-c). James M. was born July 20, 1841, Elizabeth was b. July 20, 1843, John B. was b. Sept. 27, 1845, and Frank S. was b. July 17, 1849. This family is one of the Sisson division which never left Va. and their descendants still, for the most part, reside there.

MARTHA ANN MARY SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse was born May 15, 1821 in Rockingham Co. Va. and died June 16, 1902, and died at Louisiana, Mo. ante, 1891. She married in Hancock Co. W. Va. Feb. 16, 1842, Joseph Mackey, who himself was b. in Ohio Sept. 22, 1816, and d. Mar. 8, 1884, the son of Joseph and Jane (Quinn) Mackey. They were parents of eight children: Albert Sisson Mackey (8-c), b. Aug. 21, 1944; Jane Elizabeth (8-c), b. June 24, 1847; James (8-c) b. June 28, 1849; Amanda Melvina (8-c), b. Apr. 12, 1852; Emma Bell (8-c), b. Apr. 19, 1856; John A. (8-c), b. Feb. 13, 1859; Edward Everett (8-c), b. Jan. 8, 1862; and Minerva Annie (8-c) b. Aug. 28, 1863.

ALMYRA SUSAN SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse was born Dec. 6, 1825, in Rockingham Co. Va. and d. aft. 1890 in Phoenix, Ariz. On. Feb. 15, 1846, she m.Montgomery Pike Resor, who himself was born Aug. 2, 1813 and died Jan. 16, 1873, the son of John and

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Mary (Moos) Resor. They were parents of nine children -- Mary Elizabeth (8-c), b. Oct. 2, 1846; Cynthia Ann (8-c), b. Feb. 18, 1850; James Wooster (8-c) b. July 13, 1851; Emma Minerva b. July 18, 1854; Jesse Thurston (8-c) b. June 29, 1856, and died in young manhood; Walter (8-c), b. May 12, 1858, and died young; Jessie Ella (8-c), b. Aug. 18, 1859; Laura Beck (8-c) b. Sept. 22, 1861; and Alice Marian (8-c) b. July 20, 1866.

JOHN MILTON SISSON (7), son of Jesse was born in Rockingham Co. Va. Jan. 28, 1828. On Mar. 16, 1854, he married Martha Ann Sibley, who herself was born in Kentucky Mar. 15, 1833, and d. before her husband, after bearing him four children-- Ada Alberta (8), b. Apr. 9, 1855; Armin Bell (8), b. Apr. 4, 1857; William Baker (8), b. Aug. 4, 1859 and Jessie Virginia (8), b. Mar. 6, 1870.

RUHANA CATHERINE SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse, was born in Virginia Nov. 20, 1830, and died July 6, 1847, while as yet unmarried.

AMANDA MALVINA SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse, was born Oct. 17, 1832, and died Dec. 4, 1893. In May 1865, she married a young widower, James F. Laughlin, whom she bore two children, -- Herbert F. (8-c), and Jesse Sisson Laughlin, (8-c), the latter of whom died while still a youth.

EVALINE SAMANTHA SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse, was born Oct. 14, 1834, in Hancock Co. Ky. and died in California after 1906. On Nov. 5, 1857, she married James Harvey Taylor, of Pittsburgh, Pa. who himself was born st Penn's Woodland, Allegheny Co. Pa. Feb. 14, 1839, the second of the eight children of Hugh and Nancy (McCown) Taylor. James Harvey Taylor left his parents to settle first at Alexandria, Mo. During the Civil War he enlisted in Co. (c) 7th Missouri Cavalry, and remained in army service for 3 years and 3 months. He was honorably discharged at St. Louis, Mo. in 1869. His wife, Samantha, bore James H. Taylor six children, two of who died bef. 1887 -- Arthur Huke (8-c), b. Dec. 5, 1858; and died young; Jesse Sisson Taylor (8-c) b. Apr. 21, 1861; Mather Franklin, generally known as "Frank" (8-c) b. Sept. 25, 1866; Charles Clarence (8-c), b. Mar. 17, 1868, and d. in young manhood; James Morgan (8-c), b. June 27, 1870, and Nancy Eliza (8-c) b. Mar. 17, 1873. The last named usually was known as "Nanny". James H. Taylor originally was a Whig in politics, but switched to the Republican party promptly after its first organization. He and his entire family were members of the Methodist Episcopalian church. He himself died in 1899.

(Ref: Personal Correspondence with Mrs. Charles E. Yeater, of Sedalia, Mo. and other relatives; also Hist. of Lewis, Clark, Knox & Scotland Co. Mo., pub. by Goodspeed Pub. Co. St. Louis, Mo., 1887)

EMILY MINERVA SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse was born March 7, 1837. On Nov. 3, 1859 she married James Laughlin, as his first wife--his second wife being her elder sister, Amanda M. Sisson (7), q.v. She died in giving birth to their only son Elmer (8), who himself still was living in 1915. The shock of his bride's death, and the family consolation offered by her sister, Amanda, undoubtedly induced the young widower's marriage to the latter two years after Emily M.'s death on Aug. 20, 1863.

MISSISSIPPI SISSON (7), dau. of Jesse was born June 15, 1839, and died unmarried at Troy, Iowa in the home of her sister, Mar. 11, 1874.

STROTHER WASHINGTON SISSON (7), son of Jesse was born in Clark Co. Mo. June 26, 1842, and later removed residence to Keokuk, Ia. On Aug. 31, 1865, he married in Bunker Hill, Lucy Anna Burton, who bore him children--William Jesse (8), and Ellet Orinn (8). William J. was b. Apr. 14, 1868, and died young. Ellet O. was born Sept. 4, 1871. His wife, Lucy was b. at Bunker Hill, Ill. Apr. 29, 1846, the dau. of William A. and Mary (Sisson) Burton. Both of her parents were Kentucky born, MARY SISSON having been born there Jan. 8, 1828. William A. Burton and Mary Sisson (6) were married in Jan. 1844. He died Oct. 1, 1873 and Mary (Sisson) Burton D. in Oct. 1873, only a week or so after her husband. Strother W. Sisson, (7) devoted himself to a career of teaching in Keokuk, Iowa.

ELLET ORRIN SISSON (8), son of Strother W. was born at Bunker Hill, Ill. Sept. 4, 1871. He studied medicine and became an instructor in pathology at the college of Physicians & Surgeons, Keokuk, Ia. in 1895, at the same time conducting a specialized professional practice of his own.

(Ref: Personal correspondence with Cyrus A. Sisson, of Jerseyville, Ill. Mrs. Charles E. Yeater, 624 W. 7th St., Sedalia, Mo., Mrs. A. B. Sipple, and several other relatives.)

Descent Through Abner Sisson (6)

JOHN WESLEY SISSON (7), son of Abner and grandson of Caleb, was born Mar. 7, 1813 in Botetourt Co. Va., later removing to a large farm near Otterville, Jersey Co. Ill. where he died Dec. 27, 1896. He married..., who bore him eight children, among whom was Cyrus A. (8), Louisa (8), and Emma(8).

CYRUS A. SISSON (8), son of John Wesley, Abner's sixth child, was born Feb. 25, 1864, and now lives at 504 S. Washington St., Jerseyville, Ill.

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HENRY SISSON, erroneously entered "Sissons" on the record---served as a member of the colonial Grand Jury for Richmond Co. in one of the most sensational and scandalous trials of his day,--the indictment of an ordained minister of the gospel by his parishioners. The Rev. Thomas Bluitt (also entered as Pruitt on other records) was, it appears, a lusty soul, quite addicted to conviviality and the use of especially forceful language in dealing with the rough-and-ready frontiersmen, who were his parishioners. His rugged individuality of character and habits, decidedly unconventional to one of his "Cloth", embroiled him first in serious disputes over his conduct with his fellow workers in the church. When the Rev. Bluitt flouted both their own shocked protests and said "Public opinion be damned," wardens of the church indignantly carried their complaints into the colonial court in the endeavor to oust him from office and end the scandal he had become to the more sober, straightlaced members of the community. Even then the Rev. Bluitt, continued unrepentant, refused to reform or be in anyway intimidated. In the following document we see the case at public trial:

Presentment of the Rev. Thos. Bluitt, for Drunkeness & Swearing

"May 3, 1742--At a Court held for Richmond Co. in the Third day of May, 1742

"The Grand Jury, John Tarpley, Foreman ec. "they having Received their charges were sent out" returned--The Rev. Mr. Bluitt of North Farnham Parish and Co. aforesaid, For a Common Swearer--also the Presentment of Luke Millner, one of the Church Wardens, agst: the said Thos. Bluitt for Swearing--also--Presentment of the Grand Jury, of which Wm. Diggs was foreman, against Rev. Thos. Bluitt ec. "for Being Drunk ec--also enclosed--proceedings of the Grand Jury of Nov. 5, 1739.--

"George Glascock, Foreman, William Barber, William Diggs, Henry Sissons, William Baily, Arjalon Price, John Raynolds, William Brokenbrough, George Glascock, Jeremiah Greenham, William Davinport, James Oldham, John Hammond, Charles Dobbins, Thomas Dobson, Travers Tarpley, Henry Mishell, John Williams, Charles Jones, Dudley Benneham, and John Smith, were sworn ec. went out and returned,

"We present the Rev. Mr. Thos. Bluitt ec. for being Drunk within six months Last year ec."

Certainly a quaint and unexpected document out of the past.

(Ref: Calendar of Va. State Papers & Other Mss. Apr. 1, 1781 to Dec. 31, 1781 ed. by Wm. P. Palmer Vol. 1 pub. for the State by James E. Goode, Printer, Richmond, Va. 1881)

The Journal of the House of Burgesses of Va. presents an account of a little legal and financial episode in the life of HENRY SISSON of Richmond Co. Quoting the minutes:

"SESSION OF WEDNESDAY the 8th of Nov. 10 GEORGE III, 1769."

"A Petition of Henry Sisson and John Eidson, Inspectors at Cat Point Warehouse, in the Co. of Richmond, Va. was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners had been oblidged to make good Two Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds of Crop Tobacco, stolen out of the said Warehouse, and from under prize there, to the Owners thereof and praying to be relived.

"Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House."

"And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning Eleven of the Clock."

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THURSDAY, the 9th of NOVEMBER, 10 GEORGE III, 1769"

"Mr. Archi ald Cary reported from the Committee of Public Claims that they had had under their Consideration several Petitioners to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz:

"Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that so much of the Petition of Henry Sisson and John Eidson, Inspectors of Tobacco at Cat Point Warehouse in Richmond Co. as relates to the Hogshead of Tobacco, Nett 1131 lb. of the Property of John Gordon, which was stolen out of the said Warehouse, is reasonable and that they ought to be reimbursed the sume of eleven pounds, six shillings, and two pence half-penny, for the same, and that that part of the petition relating to the Hogshead of Tobacco stolen from under the Prize be rejected."

Evenly divided luck for Henry Sisson, of Richmond Co.

Ref: Journal of the House of Burgesses of Va. 1606-1679, Vol. III, ed. by John P. Kennedy, pub. by the State Richmond, Va. 1906.

GEORGE SISSON during the Revolutionary War enlisted with the Richmond Co. Militia and rose to the rank of Capt. The government having appropriated a portion of his property for use during war emergency--as it also did with certain property of JOHN SISSON--both men filed military claim for redemption in the court for Richmond Co. and their claims were presented at the session of Apr. 3, 1782. Minutes of this meeting include a list of "men with claims against the Commonwealth of Virginia under the Act for "adjusting claims for property impressed by the government for public service." The names of both Capt. George Sisson and John Sisson appear on this list.

(Ref: Military Claims in Richmond Co.,Va.; Tyler's Historical & Gen. Quarterly, ed.by Lyon G.Tyler, Vol.VII, pub.Richmond,Va. 1926.)

Capt. George Sisson, early in 1781 while scouting at the mouth of the Currytoman River in a small boat was captured by roving British privateersmen; was held prisoner for several weeks, and then finally escaped with military information of such value that it was especially transmitted to the Governor of the State. His official deposition of experience was as follows:

"May 3rd, Richmond County --

"The Deposition of George Sisson of the Co. of Richmond &c. declares: That he was captured on the fifteenth day of Feb. past in Currytoman River, by the Cornwallis Brig. Capt. Downey in company with the Sloop Hybernia, Jno. Disney, The Trimmer Schooner, Phillips, and another Schooner, Commanded by a Capt. Thomas. I was on board the Brig. only about half an hour, then sent on board the Hybernia, where I continued until the fourteenth of Mar. The next day after I was made prisoner, the Hybernia and Trimmer in company attacked a Baltimore Brig. of fourteen and sixteen guns off the mouth of Rappahannock. The action continued a considerable time very sharp and bloody before they quitted her and run. During the whole, myself and other prisoners on board, were forced upon the quarter Deck, and then ordered to take up arms against our Countrymen -- We begged and entreated the Capt. to excuse us from a Service of this sort, but all in vain. He answered it was what all the prisoners should doe, taken by him, but it so happened none of us got hurt. The Brig. fairly drubbed them both & chased us almost into Hampton Roads. We proceded afterwards to Portsmouth -- then up the Bay again as far as the mouth of Peanketank, when we fell in with a small schooner Boat, loaded with Alum, Salt and Sugar-- this vessel as I understand was the property of one of my Countrymen, whose name I cannot learn, employed by Gen. Arnold

and bound up Rappok, as far as Port Royal, to purchase flour and fresh provisions--the Skipper showed his pass from General Arnold, and went off--The plan of traiding with the Inhabitants I understood was greatly practised in divers places, and that the Enemy got great plenty of provisions of almost every kind--during our stay at Portsmouth, and on a Cruise up the Bay, I saw George Keeble, son of Walter Keeble, who appeared an active man, and acted in character of a first Lieut. on board a Whale Boat.

Ref: Calendar of State Papers & Other MSS. April 1,1781, to Dec. 31, 1781, ed. by Wm. P. Palmer Vol.II for the State by James E. Goode, Printer, Richmond Va. 1881.

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"Mar. 31, RICHMOND CO.

"Wm. Peachey to GOV. Jefferson:

"Sir,

"By a Captain of Militia of this County (George Sysson by name) who was captured near the mouth of the Rappahannock River, in a river craft, and who lately made his escape after some weeks detention on board of the Hybernia Sloop, privateer from N.Y., I am informed that the Enemy, having adopted a new mode of getting supplies, which is by fitting out small vessels with a few hands and a cargo of Alum, Salt, brown sugar, etc. with which they run up the different rivers, and trade as friends for flower, wheat bread, Indian corn, peas & brandy. Capt. Sysson says that the shores, as well on the Eastern and Western side of the Bay, have been lately so well guarded, as to prevent the privateers from getting any supplies, so that they began to be greatly distressed for both provisions & spirits. The vessel on board of which he was kept, went twice into Portsmouth Harbor, and he understood that the troops under Arnold were at short allowance, and the inhabitants of Portsmouth almost famished for want of Bread, and none of them suffered to go out.

"He says that Keeble (or Hibble) the pilot on Gwin's Island, he is satisfied supplies the Enemy; has seen him on board, and he knows that his son has been employed in one of their whale boats, saw him in their cap and dress on board one at the Tangier Islands. Capt. Sysson further says, that in an Engagem' the Hibernia and a Schooner had, with a Baltimore Brigg, off the Mouth of Rappahannock, the officers of the privateer obliged himself and an old pilot, of the name of Bass, they had taken, to take a musckett in hand and keep the quarter deck during the action. That they grow short of hands by deaths, desertions and losses both by Water and land. Concludes--This account I thought my duty to transmit to the Executive, if it will answer any good purpose I have my reward."

(Ref: Calendar of Va. State papers & Other MES. 1781, Vol.I ed, by Wm. P. Palmer, ibid.)

CHARLES NEWTON SISSON famous educator, son of William Anderson and Nancy Anne (Hamilton) Sisson, was born at Jacksonville, Ala. Oct. 1, 1892. He graduated from the Jacksonville Normal College in 1914, won the degree of A.B. and the highest possible scholastic honors on subsequent graduation from Roanoke College (Salem, Va.) in 1916; received the degree of PH.D. from the University of North Carolina in 1933. On Aug. 4, 1920, he married Louise Hendrick, of Bessemer, Ala. He began his professional career as professor of history, politics, and French at the Marion, Ala. Institute, 1919-1921; was professor of history, politics and French, 1922-1924; was promoted to Superintendant of the school, 1924-1927; also, head of the departments of history and French at Northwestern Military Academy, Lake Geneva, Wis., 1921-1922; professor of history, political science and French at the Lee School for Boys, Blue Ridge, N.C., from Sept. to Nov. 1929; became headmaster of same, Nov. 1929-1933; and head of the department of history at Coker College from 1933 to the present time.

Charles N. Sisson served as Capt. of Infantry in the U.S. Army during the World War; was wounded at Ramboucourt on July 30, 1918, participated in the St. Mihiol and Meuse-Argonne offensives. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Congress "for bravery"in action"; received three general citations; was decorated by France with the Croix de Guerre with Palm; was decorated by Italy with the Merito de Guerra. Following conclusion of the war he became a Lieut-Colonel in the U.S. Reserve Corps. He is a member of the American Academy of Political Science, the American Historical Ass'n., the American Legion (Commander of Marion Post, 1924-1925). In politics, he is a Democrat; in religious creed, a Methodist. He is amember of the Masonic Order, the Kiwanis Club, and is the author of numerous books, including a History of the World War, 1921; An Outline of American History, 1925; Creation, Organization & Mobilization of the Army of the French Revolution, 1933; His home is at Hartsville, S. C.

Ref: Who's Who in America Vol.XVIII and previous 1934-1935, pub. by A.N.Marquis & Co., Chicago, Ill.

LEWIS SISSON (2), both of whose parents were born in England and had migrated to Virginia a decade or so before the outbreak of the Revolution, was born in the Tidewater section of Va. in 1777. He married Frances Powell, who herself was a native of Maryland, just to the north of his own home. She bore him, among others, a daughter, Susan (3).

SUSAN SISSON (3) dau. of Lewis was born in Baltimore, Md. in May 1804. She married Samuel Martin, who was born in Oct-1797, in Wheeling, W.Va. They had, among others, a son (Capt.) George W. Martin (4-c) born in Ohio Co.,W.Va., about 14 miles southwest of Wheeling on June 22, 1827. Capt. Geo. on Mar. 18, 1847, married (1) in Greene Co., Ill. Angeline Conway, who herself was born Mar. 12,1829, and died Mar. 8, 1855. He second, married Rachel M. Harris, who was born Dec. 25, 1828, and died in Dallas Co., Texas, in 1857, after bearing him two children. Capt. Geo. Martin (4-c) then returned to Illinois and located in Scott Co. where he took for his third wife, Cornelia M. Richmond, of Madison Co., N.Y. who herself was born Dec. 28,1837. With the outbreak of the Civil War, George Martin (4-c) enlisted as a private in Co. H. 129th Ill. Volunteer Infantry, and served until Sept. 21, 1864, when he was honorably discharged at Atlanta, Ga. In army service he rose rapidly to be a Capt. participating in the battles of Resaca, Va. and Dallas Woods fight, and the battle of Peach Tree Creek. In 1865, he was elected Clerk of Scott Co., Ill. and served in that capacity throughout the ensuing twelve years, during which he was repeatedly re-elected. He resigned that office in June 1882, and the following Fall was elected Sheriff and served in that capacity for the ensuing four years. In 1886, he moved his family to Harvard, Neb. where in 1890 he was appointed postmaster of the town. He was a member of the Christian church, the Masonic Order, the G.A.R. and the I.O.O.F., "as well as being a devoted member of the Republican party". George Martin (4-c) and his third wife, were the parents of a family of 9 children -- Dora F. (5-c), George L. (5-c), Nora A. (5-c), Ida O. (5-c), Minnie A. (5-c), Hoyt R. (5-c), Holland (5-c) and Edward S. (5-c). Dora, George, Holland and Edward Martin (5-c) all died before 1890. By his first wife, George Martin (4-c) had 4 children -- Eliza J. (5-c), Susan H. (5-c), Mary E. (5-c), and John C.(5-c). Susan H. and John C. both died in infancy. Eliza J. (5-c) married Dr. M.W.Wilcox. Mary E. (5-c) married Elijah Bradwell, a druggist of Fairfield, Neb.

Ref: Biographical & Historical Memoirs of Adams, Clay, Webster & Nuckolls Counties, Neb. pub. by Goodspeed Pub. Co., Chicago, 1890.

IV - SISSON IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The events of, and leading up to revolt of the American colonies against their mother country are too familiarly known to require orderly or detailed explanation herein. A representative number of Sisson kinsmen served with the American military forces, enlisting both with the Continental Line (i.e. regular standing army), for the duration of the conflict, and with various units of the State militia regiments, enlistment with which usually was a period of three months each, so as to allow militia men opportunity between intervals of fighting to return home and attend to their individual farm crops or other non-combatant duties.

The list of Sisson kinsmen serving with the American forces during the Revolutionary War includes the following:-

ROBERT SISSON -- served with Virginia regiment, Continental Line. Received land bounty warrant and later became a member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

(Ref: Bounty Warrants; Journal of House of Delagates, Oct.1791, p.83, 196; Miscellaneous Petitions, Nov. 7,1791; W.T.R. Saffell's Records of the Revolutionary War, pub. N.Y.City, 1858; Revolutionary Soldiers of Va. 8th Annual report of Va. State Library Board, ed.by H.J.Eckenrode,pub.by the State,Richmond, Va., 1912.)

GILBERT SISSON -- Master of the privateer schooner, Barton, of Newport, R.I. 16 tons, 10 swivels(cannon), 25 men; Capt. George Wanton, 1st Lieut. Potter; 2nd Lieut. Bennet Negroes-June, 1778. Given letters of Marque by the Governor of R.I. To pray upon British shipping on the high seas "wheresoever they saw fit."

(Ref: Civil & Military List of R.I., compiled by Jos. Jencks Smiths,Vol. I pub. Preston Rounds & Co. Providence, R.I. 1901.)

BENJAMIN SISSON -- Listed as one of the 4 "prize Masters" of the privateer vessel, Independence, of Providence, R.I. Joseph Olney, Capt. All the crew were Providence men.

(Ref: Civil & Military List of R.I. Ibid Vol.I.)

ESEK SISSON -- served as a Private with R.I. Militia, 1776 in Col. Elliott's regiment.

(Ref: Civil & Military Lists of R.I. Ibid Vol.I.)

WILLIAM SISSON -- served as a private in Canfield,R.I. Militia regt. of Foot, 1781; Ensign, 4th Westerly Co., Washington Co. Brigade, R.I. Militia, May, 1800.

(Ref: Civil & Military Lists of R.I. Ibid Vol.I-II.)

JOHN SISSON -- served as a private in 14th N.Y.Militia Regt. under Col. John Van Rensselaer, Albany Co. Regt.; later with 4th Regt. Dutchess Co., N.Y. Foot. Awarded bounty warrant.

(Ref: N.Y. In the Revolution, ed. by James A. Roberts, State Comptroller, pub. for the State of N.Y., Albany, 1898.)

PELEG SISSON -- enlisted as a private with 9th Regt. Albany Co., N.Y. Foot Militia, Awarded land bounty warrant at close of the war.

(Ref: N.Y. In the Revolution ibid.)

RICHARD SISSON -- enlisted as a private with 7th Regt. Albany Co., N.Y. Foot Militia.

(Ref: N.Y.In the Revolution ibid.)

PELEG SISSON -- enlisted as a private in Newport Co., R.I. Co. of Foot (Militia) under Capt. John Shrieve, Jr. Later promoted to Ensign of same company.

(Ref: Civil & Military Lists of R.I. Vol.I, Ibid)

CALES SISSON -- Orange Co.,Va. Militia; recorded as an Ensign in Capt. Moore's Co. Feb. 25, 1779, took Oath, Apr.22,1779.

(Ref: Historical Register of Va. in the Revolution by John H. Gwathmey, pub. Dietz Press, Richmond,Va. 1938; Hist. of Orange Co., Va. by W.W.Scott (Appendix), pub. Richmond, 1907.)

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(Ref: Hist. Register of Va. in Revolution, ibid)

HENRY SISSON -- Richmond,Va.Militia; recorded as 2nd Lieut. Apr. 5, 1779.

(Ref: Hist. Register of Va. in Revolution, Ibid)

RICHARD SISSON -- enlisted with Va. Militia Regt.of Foot.
(Ref: Collection of Names appearing on Army Register of Soldiers not yet awarded Land Bounty Warrants; An extensive compilation in U.S.War Dept.,Washington D.C.; Hist.Register of Va.in the Rev. by Gwathmey,Ibid)

ROBERT SISSON -- enlisted as private 2nd Va. Regt. Continental Line; promoted to Sergt. No county mentioned.

(Ref: Hist. Register of Va. in the Revolution Ibid)

## V - FIRST CENSUS OF THE U.S., 1790

The first census of the newly-formed United States of America was taken by the government in 1790, and reveals interesting statistics relative to the Sisson kindred and its particular environment. The tremendous depletion of men by the Revolutionary War and the consequent superabundance of women--approximately two females to every male surviving -- is readily apparent from the official records of the country as a whole. The 1st census included the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New York, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Vermont and Tennessee. Schedules of all these states are not known as extant, for the returns for Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Virginia (the last-named partially) were destroyed when the British burned the Capital at Washington during the War of 1812. Approximately 400,000 names thus were lost to record. Returns of only 39 out of the total of 78 Virginia counties still are extant. The total population of the United States in 1790, exclusive of slaves, as shown by the schedule, was 3,331,533.

The returns for the state of Georgia, missing from the remains of the 1st U.S.Census, are, however, largely replaced by the book-collections, Some Early Tax Digests of Georgia, covering the period from 1790-1818, collected and edited by Ruth Blair, State Historian, and published by the Ga. Dept. of Archives & History, in 1926. The existence of this collection is comparatively unknown to genealogists. It here serves merely to prove that no Sisson kindred were resident in Georgia between the dates covered by these tax digests.

The 1st National Census concerns itself with identifying citizens by name only where such happened to be the heads of families at the time. The following excerpts from the 1st Census record the number of living Sissons according to their places of residence, ages, sex and social status; in some instances, according to occupations.

(Ref: Heads of Families; 1st Census of the U.S.A. 1790, pub. by the U.S.Dept. of Commerce & Labor, Bureau of Census, Washington, D.C.1909, 14 vols.)

Sisson kindred in 1790 are scheduled as resident in all states for which the returns still exist, with the exception of Vermont, Maine, N. H. and Georgia. Through carelessness or illiteracy of the census-takers, or through error in transcription, the R. I. returns mention Gideon Sisson as "Session"; in the South Carolina return Frederic "Sison" appears; the North Carolina record misspells Isaac's name as "Sissions"; and the N.Y. return misspells Jorom "Sison" and John "Soisson," and Peleg "Sisson." The Conn. return gives William "Sissen" in one place. The government-printed edition of the 1st Census itself takes care of stating in a footnote that "no attempt has been made in this publication to correct mistakes in spelling made by the assistants, and the names have been reproduced exactly as they appear upon the State lists."

A total of 84 separate Sisson households are listed in the Census of 1790. Aside from these 84 heads of families, 337 other bearers of the Sisson name are specified, amounting to a total of 421 Sissons flourishing in the U.S. By the fifth generation in descent from Richard Sisson (1), of Dartmouth, Mass. and Portsmouth, R.I. or possibly the sixth generation from John Sisson (1) of Virginia and Ann Arundel Co. Md. This number would of course probably be considerably larger were the lost returns of the five additional states still extant, and available for study.

Six of these Sissons families possessed a total of 43 black slaves, Gideon Sisson (Newport,R.I.) single slave being the only one held by any member of the kindred in New England.

Computation from the Census returns, as we have them, shows an average of 5 persons per Sisson family, including the father and mother.

The 1790 census returns reveal 5 heads of Sisson households as widows, all of them living with quite numerous progeny at home, invariably with one or more sons older than 16 years of age.

# FIRST UNITED STATES CENSUS, 1790

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### Fairfield Co.

| Head of Family | Free White Males of 16 yrs. & upwards, including heads of families. | Free White Males under 16 yrs. | Free White Females, including heads of families | All other persons | slaves |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In HUNTINGTON town Sisson, William | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

### New Haven Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In NEW HAVEN Town Sisson, James | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

### New London Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On farms Sisson, James | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, William | 3 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

## STATE OF MARYLAND

### Charles Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Caleb (on farm) | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

## STATE OF VIRGINIA

### Richmond Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Upper District of Lunenburg Parish | | | | | |
| Sisson, Richard | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Sisson, John | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Sisson, Henry | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farnham District | | | | | |
| Sisson, George | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |

### Orange Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, William | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Sisson, William (Fairfax County)
7 white souls 1 dwelling 2 other buildings
Sisson, William 7 white souls 0 " 0 " "

[illegible]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Newport Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Portsmouth Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Elizabeth | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Job | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Mary | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, James | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Richmond | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| On Farms | | | | | |
| Sisson, Abigail | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, George | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, George | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Job | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Joseph | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Peleg | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Richard | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Pardon | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| In TIVERTON TOWN | | | | | |
| Sisson, Edward | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| In NEWPORT Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Job | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Lavis | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Robert | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Gideon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sisson, Edward | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Kent Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In WEST GREENWICH Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Caleb | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| In EAST GREENWICH Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Joshua | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Bristol Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In WARREN Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, George | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Gideon | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, James | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Molly | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

Providence Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In PROVIDENCE Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Benjamin | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| In TIVERTON Town (Add) Newport Co. (Add.) | | | | | |
| Sisson, Joseph | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Thomas | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Philip | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

RHODE ISLAND (con.)

Washington Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Westerly Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, John | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Jonathon | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Mary | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Thomas | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Oliver | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Joseph | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Peleg | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Peleg, Jr. | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Somerset Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Isaac | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| In BEDFORD Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Benjamin | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Akus | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| In DARTMOUTH Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, William | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| In SWANZEY Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Richard | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sisson, James | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Gilbert | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, George | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Gardner | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| In WESTPORT Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Wilson | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Phillip | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Lemuel | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Job | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, James | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Jonathan | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Gideon | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Daniel | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Constant | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Hampshire Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In WILBRAHAM Town | | | | | |
| Sisson, Elisha | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Nathan | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

96th District

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edgefield Co. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Sisson, Frederic | | | | | |

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA (con.)

Union Co.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, David | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, John | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, Joshua | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, William | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Fayette District

In FAYETTEVILLE Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sissions, Isaac | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Co.

In SOUTHWARK Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Preserve, (Sea Capt.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

STATE OF NEW YORK

Columbia Co.

In KINDERHOOK Twp.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sison, Jorom | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Albany Co.

In CAMBRIDGE Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, George | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

In STEPHENTON Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Giles | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

In PITTSTOWN Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Robert | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

In HOOSICK Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Samuel | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Sisson, John | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Columbia Co.

In HILLSDALE Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Peleg | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Dutchess Co.

In WASHINGTON Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Lemuel | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |

Washington Co.

In QUEENSBURY Town

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sisson, Nathaniel | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

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Photostats of Bible Records and Will.
Copies of Photostats of Bible Records.
See Index.

Contributed by General Henry Dearborn Chpter
of Chicago, Illinois.

I Jacob Cramlick of Anna Arundel County do Make Ordain and declare this Instrument of Writeing, to be my last Will and Testa= Revokeing all Other —

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Amelia Cramlick all my Lands to be possessed by her during her life —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Andrew Cramlick one Cow and Calf and twenty five pounds Specie, this is not to bar him of his Equal proportion of my Estate as hereafter directed to be divided —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Cram= lick One Cow & Calf and twenty five pounds Specie, this is not to bar him of his Equal proportion of my Estate as hereafter directed to be divided —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cramlick One Cow and Calf and twenty five pounds Specie, this is not to bar her of her Equal proportion of my Estate as hereafter directed to be divided

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Henry Cramlick ten Acres of Land to be Laid out of my tract of Land Called Windsor, to begin at an Apple tree in the Young Or= chard next to Mr. Thomas Hobbes plantation to be laid out so as to Include half the

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Frances E. Schmidt
Member of General Henry Dearborn Chapter, D.A.R.Chicago.

richard the Spring and a proportion of Wood Land
this Land given to him during his life after his death
to be divided as hereafter directed — this ten
pieces of Land to be in full for his part of my
Estate — Unless he should have any Children and if
he should have Children it is my will and
desire that he should have his Equal proportion
of my Estate with my other Children ——
Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Michael Cramlick
five Shillings Specie, in full for his part of
my Estate ——
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter
Mary Chambers five shillings Specie in full
for her part of my Estate ——
It is my will and desire that after all my
just debts are paid and the before mentioned
legacies are paid — that my beloved Wife
Amelia Cramlick to have all the Residue of my
Estate both real and personal during her
Life and after her death — that All my
Estate to be Sold both Real and personal
and an Equal distrabution to be made
between my Children and grand Children
as hereafter Named — to wit Jacob Cramlick
Stephen Cramlick Fredrick Cramlick
Andrew Cramlick John Cramlick
Nancy Howard and Elizabeth Cramlick

(Page two of Jacob Cramlick's will )

Orchard the Spring and a propotion of Wood Land this Land given to him during his life after his death to be divided as hereafter directed - this ten Acres of Land to be in full for his part of my Estate - Unless he should have any Children and if he should have Children it is my will and desire that he should have his Equal propotion of my Estate with my other Children ----
Itm I give and bequeath unto my Son Michael Cramlick five shillings Specie, in full for his part of my Estate ---
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Chambers five shillings Specie in full for her part of my Estate -----
It is my will and desire that after all my just debts are paid and the Before mentioned Legacies are paid-- that my beloved wife Amelia Cramlick to have all the Residue of my Estate both real and personal during her Life and after her death -- that all myEstate to be Sold both Real and personal and an Equal distribution to be made between my Children and grand Children as hereafter Named - tp wit Jacob Cramlick, Stephen Cramlick Fredrick Cramlick Andrew Cramlick John Cramlick Nancy Howard and Elizabeth Cramlick.

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And my Son Henry Cramlick if he should have any Children if he should not have any Children it is my desire that he should not have any part of my Estate except his life Estate in the before mentioned ten acres of land and after his death the said ten acres of land to be divided in the same Manner as my other Estate ——

Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Thomas Cramlick and my granddaughter Eliza Cramlick a proportion of my Estate Equal to one Childs part of Said Estate, to be Equal divided between my Said grandson and grand daughter —— It is my will and desire that the sum of money hereafter mentioned be deducted out of the proportion of each Child part of my Estate as Named, and that they only receive the ballance of there proportion those sums of money being paid to them by me as a part of there Equal proportion of my Estate ——

Stephen Cramlick ~~Cramlick~~ to five pounds paid you as part of your proportion of my Estate

Fredrick Cramlick to Six pound Eighteen shillings paid you as part of your proportion of my Estate

Jacob Cramlick to thirty Eight pounds paid you as part of your proportion of my Estate

Henry Cramlick to Six pounds paid you as part of your proportion of my Estate ——

( Page three of Jacob Cramlick's Will )

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to thirteen pounds in part pay of your proportion
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the foregoing Instrument of writeing is my
last will and testament I have hereunto
Set my hand and Seal this 24th of March 1800

Witness Jos. C. Cramlick (Seal)

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April 22d 1800

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Testament Ann bramblitt was born September the third in the year of our lord E 1798 About 15 minutes before the greatest thunder storm

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# FAMILY RECORD.

Julia

| BIRTHS. | BIRTHS. |
|---|---|
| Idaa [illegible] bramblitt was born January the [illegible] 1813 | Thomas McAnally Son of the above was born August the 12 1821 |
| Stephen bramblitt of Stephen and Avis his wife was born December the 6 1815 | |
| Lydjaanah bramblitt of Dauter of Stephen and Avis his [illegible] was born February the 20 1820 | |
| Mary Lizer McAnalley Dauter of peter and Amelia his wife was born March the 16 1815 | |
| John F. McAnalley Son of the above was born September the Second 1816 | |
| Ann McAnalley Dauter of the above was born febrary the 7 1819 | |

FAMILY RECORD.
Births.

Julia (?) ------ Cramblitt
was born January the ---- 1813.
Stephen Cramblitt of Stephen and Avis his wife
was born December the 6 1815
Lydiaanah Cramblitt
Dauter of Stephen and Avis his wife
was born February the 20, 1820.
Mary Lizer Mcanalley
Dauter Peter and Amelia his wife
was born March the 15 1815.
John (A.or H.) Mcanalley
son of the above was born
September the Second 1816.
Ann Mcanalley Dauter of the above
was born february the 7 1819.
Thomas Mcanalley Son of the above
was born August the 12 1821.

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FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

James [illegible] born [illegible]
24th Anno Domini 1782
Abigail Whitney born November
12th In the Year of our Lord =
[illegible]

MARRIAGES

They were Married by the Rev Johnathan Newhall at Stow in the State of Massachusetts March 24th Anno Domini 1803

This Bibel bought James Williams Septem 18[illegible]
Stephen Cramblitt
Aged Twenty five
Avis Day Aged 17 & man
was Married may the
12 1796 in the year of
our Lord

Amelia Cramblitt
Dauter of the above
Married to peter
McCarelley may the
12 1814

Rebecca Cramblitt
Dauter of above married
to Joshua Jones Dimer the
forth 1825

DAY-- CRAMBLITT-- CRAMBLET*-- WHITNEY *-- WILLIAMS
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FAMILY RECORD.

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Avis Day Aged 17.8 mon.
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## FAMILY RECORD.

| DEATHS. | DEATHS. |
|---|---|
| Ebenezer Bancroft Williams Died saturday 25th July 1857 Aged 3 years 6 months & 25 days | [illegible] |
| Avis Cramblitt wife of Stephen Cramblitt Died of a Consumtion Two Day the forth of December 1821 at 4 O clock afternoon | [illegible] |
| Thomas Day Brother to the above Died January the 13.3.1822 hanugh Cramblitt the wife of John Pardy Departed this Life December the 13 at 12 O block 1834 | [illegible] |

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4 O8clock afternoon.

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wife of John Purdy
Departed this Life
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# Superior Court
## of Baltimore City

M. LUTHER PITTMAN, Clerk

Baltimore, Md., June 23,1943

Frances E. Schmidt
Hyde Park Hotel
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:- We herewith give you all the Cramblet or Cramblitt marriages from 1815 to 1851.

Thomas Cramblitt and Mary McMechen, June 23,1815

Stephen Cramblett and Nancy Burk, November 3, 1825

Francis Cramblet and Mary Ann Flaherty, Sept 15,1831

Thomas Cramblet and Nancy Gray, December 24, 1833

Stephen Cramblet and Sophia Elizabeth Doyle, April 7,1836

Rebecca Cramlet and ~~John~~ Joshua M. Jones, December 1, 1823

Ann Cramblett and Charles Jones, July 12, 1825

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Note the different spelling of the name. mistake of Clerk issuing the marriage license, probably.

Yours truly

M. Luther Pittman

Clerk.

The fee for this should be one dollar, payable to the Clerk of the Court.

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Dear Madam:-
Your letter of June 24,1943, received. You are right, we made an error; Stephen Cramblitt and Nancy Burk were married November 3rd, 1825, and Nancy Cramblett and Stephen Burk wer married November 3rd, 1823. Rebecca Cramblet and Joshua M. Jones were married December 1st, 1823.

In addition we give you the Cramblitt marriages that were performed prior to 1800:-

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October 14, 1786 : Michael Cramblitt and Ruth Rand
Rev. Mr. West

May 7, 1896 : Stephen Cramblitt and Avis Day
Rev. Mr. Dorsey.

Yours truly,

M. Luther Pittman

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PS-There is no way of determining who are the parent and who are the children.

MLP.

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{NOTE: RE above "John" was written and corrected in second letter}
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Letter to Superior Court will show that last marriage took place actually in 1796.

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Family Record

Lane, Robert Poalk
born February 21, 1818
at Hopewell Iron Works
Bedford Co. Pa.

Brice, Mary
born June 22, 1828
Washington, Pa.

Lane, Brice
son of James B. and
Mable Lane
born August 27, 1893
Rockford, Ill.

Lane, James
son of James B. and
Mable Lane
born January , 1895 (5)
Chicago, Ill.

Lane, Berdena
daughter of James B. and
Mable Lane
born May, 1897.

Lane, Nannie May
daughter of William S.
and Maude B.Lane
born October 23, 1881
at 3 O.C.A.M. in
Rockford, Ill.

Lane, Harriete Blakeman
daughter of William S.
and Maude B. Lane
born January 17, 1883
at 3 O.C.A.M. in
Rockford, Ill.

Byers, Ina May
daughter of Horace G.
and Harriete Lane Byers
born June 5, 1904 in
Seattle, Washington.

Lane, Robert Sumner
son of James B. and
Anna S. Lane
born March 26, 1876
at 2.O.C.P.M. in Rockford, Ill

Lane, Mary Elizabeth
daughter of James B. and
Anna S. Lane
born May 24, 1880
at 8 O.C.A.M., in Rockford, Il

Lane, James Brice
born December 2, A.D. 1851
at 4 O.C.A.M. in
Washington, Pa.

Lane, Annie Maria
born September 25, 1853
at 1 O.C.P.M. in
Rockford, Ill.

Lane, William Stewart
born September 1, 1856
at 3 O.C.A.M. in
Rockford, Ill.

Davis, Lane
son of Richard L. and
Annie M. Davis
born November 21, 1885
at 12:15 O.C.A.M. in
Rockford, Ill.

Davis, Ada Marion
born February 3, 189 (4or9)
in Chicago, Ill.
daughter of Richd.L. and
Annie M. Davis

Byers, Mary Lane
daughter of Horace G. and
Harriete Lane Byers
born July 15, 1905 in
Seattle, Washington.

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Family Record

Marriages

Lane, Robert P.
and
Price, Mary
married June 20, I850
by Revd. Mr Brown in
Zanesville, Ohio.

Lane, James B.
and
Sumner, Anna
married October I, I87(blot)
by Revd. C.S. Percival
Rector of Emmanuel Church
Rockford, Ill.

Lane, William S.
and
Beeman, Maude
married Sptem. Ist, I880
by Revd.(?) W. Snyder in
Rockford, Ill.

Lane, Annie M.
and
Davis, Richard L.
married June I8, I884
by Revd. A.W. Snyder in
Rockford, Ill.

Lane, Harriete B.
and
Byers, Horace G.
married August 26, I903
Chicago, Ill.

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Family Record

Deaths.

Lane, Nannie May
daughter of William S. and
Maude B. Lane
died February 2I, I886
at I349 Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois, on
Sunday at 4:57 P.M.
Age 4 years 3 mo & 29 days
On a lovely afternoon.

Lane, Dr R.P.
Robert Polk Lane
Died March 7, I89I
at 508 (N orW ) Church St
Rockford, Illinois
on Saterday at I0:30 A.M.
Aged 73 years and I4 days.
One of Gods best men
on Earth and in Heaven.

Lane, James Brice
son of Robert P. and
Mary Lane.
Died April II, I903
on Springfield, Mo.
on Saturday at I0 A.M.
Aged 5I years 4 mo & 9 days.
Passed away in the Lord
His mother at his bedside

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Family Record
Births

Talcott, Edward B. born ~~April~~ May 25, 1812

Heywood, Mary R. born December 23, 1813
Talcott, wife of Edward B.

Talcott, Mary A. born Sept 6, 1845
daughter of Edward B. and Mary R Talcott

Talcott, Florence N. born August 5, 1851
daughter of Edward B. and Mary R. Heywood Talcott

Page, William R. born October 9, 1843

Page, Edward Robertson born April 25, 1872
Page, Florence Ethel born May 19, 1874
Page, Ralph Hugh born February 17, 1877
Children of William R. Page and Florence N. Talcott

Page, Paulletta Talcott born November 4, 1901
daughter of Ralph Hugh Page and Paulletta Mary Keena

Page, Margaret Keena born March 5, 1903
daughter of R.H. and Paulletta Mary Keena Page

Page, Dorothy Trafton born April 20, 1906
daughter of R.H. and Paulletta Keena Page

Peck, Walter L. born (erased)

Page, William Talcott born Mar 29, 1910
son of R.H. and Paulletta Keena Page

Page, James Keena born April 16, 1912
son born to R.H. and P.K. Page

Griswold, Talcott born March 17, 1908 in Chicago, Ill.
son of Edward L. and Ethel P. Griswold

Griswold, Nathalie Claiborne born June 21, 1936 at Chicago, Ill.
daughter of Talcott Griswold and Jessie Beach Crane Griswold

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Family Record.
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Griswold, Talcott
and
Crane, Jessie Beach married June 24, 1934, at Pasadena , California.

Talcott, Mary A.
and
Peck, Walter Leslie married May 3, 1865

Talcott, Edward B.
and
Heywood, Mary R. married April 25, 1842.

Talcott, Florence N.
and
Page, William R. married May 3. 1871

Page, Ralph H.
and
Keena, Paulletta married November 24, 1900 at Detroit, Michigan.

Page, Ethel F.
and
Griswold, Edward Livingston married Febry 16, 1907

Griswold, Ethel P.
and
Phillips, Howard C. married Mar. 3, 1917.

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Family Record.
Deaths.

Page, Edward Robertson died Sept. 20, 1872.

Talcott, Mary R. died November 5, 1881. Wife of Edward B. Talcott.

Talcott, Edward B. died February 8, 1886. Husband of Mary R. Talcott

Page, William R. died June 23, 1905. Husband of Florence (T ?) Page

Peck, Walter L. died March 13, 1908. Husband of Mary A.T. Peck.

Griswold, Edward Livingston died Sept 3, 1908 . Buffalo, New York.

Peck, Mary A. T. died April 26, 1928, at Chicago.

Page, Florence Talcott died April 2, 1932, at Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Family Record .
Marriages.and Deaths.

Redfield, Frank E.
and
Litchfield, Abby Francis married September II, 1877, at Ellicottville, N.Y., by C. Smith, Pastor of Pres. Church, in presence of Wm. R. Pindat and Mary B. Pindat.

Litchfield, Elisha Allen
and
Burlingame, Salome Mandane married Oct. I, 1864, at Ellicottville, New York.

Redfield, Franklin Edwin
and
Litchfield, Abigail Frances married Sept. II, 1877, at Ellicottville New York, by Courtney Smith.

Redfield, Gladys L.
and
McPherson, William Wallace married Aug . 23, 1900, at Ellicottville New York, by Rev. Robert Gilliat.

Litchfield, Salome Burlingame died July 24, 1920, at Ellicottville. New York.

Litchfield, Elisha Allen died June 5, 1923, at Ellicottville, N.Y.

Redfield, Franklin Edwin died Jan. 12, 1908, at Gowanda, N.Y.

Redfield, Maud Sybil died Mar. 29, 1885, at Ellicottville, N.Y.

McPherson, Russell A. died Nov. II, 1909, at Chicago.

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Family Record.
Births.

Redfield, Gladys L. born March 22, 1879. Ellicottville.

Redfield, Maud S. born April 16, 1882. Ellicottville.

McPherson, Wilford Redfield born July 13, 1902, Buffalo, N.Y.

McPherson, Russell Angus born Dec. 21, 1907.

McPherson, Virginia Mary born June 28, 1912, at Chicago.

McPherson, Wallace S. born Dec. 21, 1864.

McPherson, Agness A. born April 2, 1868.

McPherson, William S. born Dec. 26, 1871.

McPherson, Jessie E. born Feb. 24, 1873.

McPherson, May I. born May 14, 1875.

McPherson, William born June 13, 1877.

McPherson, Harry A. born Aug. 25, 1879.

McPherson, Roy born Feb. 17, 1884.

McPherson, John E. born Apr. 12, 1885.

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Hardy, Nathan born September I, I80I.

Scott, Emeline born April I5, I8I0.

Hardy, Silas born July I6, I833.

Hardy, Eliza born September I2, I836.

Hardy, Emma E. born March 25, I848.

Hardy, Nathan
and
Scott, Emeline married Oct. I4, I832

Hardy, Eliza
and
Strawn, Abner married Nov. I8, I858.

Hardy, Emma C.
and
Buell, Dumont A. married Oct. I7, I867.

Hardy, Silas died August 2, I856.

Hardy, Nathan died April 2I, I875.

Buell, Emma C. died March 20, I877.

Strawn, Eliza Hardy died Dec. 7, I9I5 at 4 P.M.

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Family Record.

Strawn, Joel (or Zoel) born July I3, I782; died August 24, I864.

Tannehill, Sarah born March 24, I787.

Strawn (?) " Joel (orZoel) and
Tannehill (?) Sarah was married Sept. 26, I804."

Strawn, Jemima (or Zemima) born Febr. 20, I806 ; daughter of Sarah and Joel(or Zoel)

Strawn, Isaiah born Oct. 7, I808; died September I5, I880.

Strawn, James (or Zames) born Feb. I5, I8I3; died Oct. I0, I887.

Strawn, Sarah Ann born Jan. 6, I8I9.

Strawn, Sarah died July 26, I822.

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Strawn, Abner
and
Hardy, Eliza married Nov. I8, I858.

Strawn, Ido. E. born Nov. I3, I860.

Strawn, Silas Hardy born December I5, I866.

Strawn, Julia Clark born Jan. 26, I869.

Strawn, Abner died July I0, I9I2, at II:20 A.M.

Strawn, Eliza Haddy died Dec. 7, I9I5, at 4 P.M.

Chalfant, Lydia M. born March II, I804 and Died Feb 3, I879.

Chalfant (?) " Lydia M. and
Strawn (?) Joel (or Zoel) was married Nov. 25, I824."

Strawn, Robert Chalfont born Sept. II, I825; died February I7, I889.

Strawn, Robert C.
and
Rhoades, Elisabeth Ann married Feb. 4, I847.

Strawn, Abner born July 4, I830; died July I0, I9I2., at II:20 A.M.

Strawn, Rachel born March 22, I829; died when she was twelve days old

Strawn, Joel R. born Jan. 8, I842; son of Joel Strawn.

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